



**Literature for STVN24, Political Science: Comparative Politics  
- Institutions and Actors applies from the spring semester 2026**

Literature established by the board of the Department of Political Science on  
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**Literature list for STVN24 Political Science: Comparative Politics. Institutions and Actors, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle, 15 credits**

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