

FALL 2012 COURSES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

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POLS W1201 INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN POLITICS (AP)

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

Lecture and discussion. Dynamics of political institutions and processes, chiefly of the national government. Emphasis on the actual exercise of political power by interest groups, elites, political parties, and public opinion.

POLS V1501 INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS (CP)

TIMOTHY FRYE

Lecture and discussion. Introduction to some of the major approaches and issues in the contemporary study of politics within nations, including the causes of revolution, the roots of democracy, and the nature of nationalism, through systematic study of politics in selected countries.

POLS V1601 INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (IR)

KIMBERLY MARTEN (BARNARD)

Lecture and discussion. The basic setting and dynamics of global politics, with emphasis on contemporary problems and processes.

HRTS V3001 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS (IR & CP)

ANDREW NATHAN

Evolution of the theory and content of human rights; the ideology and impact of human rights movements; national and international human rights law and institutions; their application with attention to universality within states, including the U.S., and internationally.

POLS W3120 DEMOCRATIC THEORY (PT)

MELISSA SCHWARTZBERG

Focuses on the theory and practice of democracy, from the examination of its classic and modern foundations to the analysis of its transformations in advanced industrial societies facing class, gender, race, and regional differences.

POLS W3125 CITIZENSHIP & EXCLUSION (PT)

TURKULER ISIKSEL

Citizenship has always been a battleground in struggles for inclusion and exclusion. This course aims to familiarize students with contemporary theories of citizenship from the lens of boundaries. What resources does citizenship discourse offer the excluded? How do politically, socially or culturally marginalized groups use the discourse of citizenship to claim equal participation and recognition? How is access to citizenship status and rights restricted and regulated in contemporary democracies? Course reading is drawn from a wide range of materials, including philosophical and normative accounts, empirical and historical studies, court cases, political manifestoes and speeches.

POLS W3215 WORKSHOP IN MEDIA & POLITICS (AP)

KATHLEEN KNIGHT

NO CLASS SCHEDULE; STUDENTS MEET INDEPENDENTLY WITH INSTRUCTOR.

2-credit workshop. Permission of the instructor is required before signing up for this course. Interested should contact instructor by email. The Workshop in Media and Politics is the academic component of a media internship, and is available to both Barnard and Columbia students. Through it the student receives two units of academic credit while working in a media-related job. The internships themselves must be pre-arranged independently or through the Office of Career Services. Any kind of media-related internship (radio, television, magazines, the music industry, public relations firms, government agencies, political campaigns, and so on) is potentially acceptable, but only if the student can relate the internship to larger issues of the role/impact of the mass media in contemporary politics. It is advised that students download the application form, fill it out, and bring it with them to the first meeting with the professor. An appointment for the first meeting should be arranged with the professor via email, or during office hours.

POLS W3220 LOGIC OF COLLECTIVE CHOICE (AP)**JEFFREY LAX**

Much (most?) of politics is about combining individual preferences or actions into collective choices. We will make use of two theoretical approaches. Our primary approach will be social choice theory, which studies how we aggregate what individuals want into what the collective "wants." The second approach, game theory, covers how we aggregate what individuals want into what the group gets, given that social, economic, and political outcomes usually depend on the interaction of individual choices. The aggregation of preferences or choices is usually governed by some set of institutional rules, formal or informal. Our main themes include the rationality of individual and group preferences, the underpinnings and implications of using majority rule, tradeoffs between aggregation methods, the fairness of group choice, the effects of institutional constraints on choice (e.g., agenda control), and the implications for democratic choice. Most of the course material is highly abstract, but these abstract issues turn up in many real-world problems, from bargaining between the branches of government to campus elections to judicial decisions on multi-member courts to the allocation of relief funds among victims of natural disasters to the scoring of Olympic events. The collective choice problem is one faced by society as a whole and by the smallest group alike.

POLS W3285 FREEDOM OF SPEECH & PRESS (AP)**LEE BOLLINGER**

Examines the constitutional right of freedom of speech and press in the United States. Examines, in depth, various areas of law, including extremist or seditious speech, obscenity, libel, fighting words, the public forum doctrine, and public access to the mass media. Follows the law school course model, with readings focused on actual judicial decisions.

POLS W3290 VOTING & AMERICAN POLITICS (AP)**ROBERT ERIKSON**

Elections and public opinion; history of U.S. electoral politics; the problem of voter participation; partisanship and voting; accounting for voting decisions; explaining and forecasting election outcomes; elections and divided government; money and elections; electoral politics and representative democracy.

POLS V3313 AMERICAN URBAN POLITICS (AP)**FLORA DAVIDSON (BARNARD)**

A study of cities in the US focusing on local government structures and relationships with other levels of government. Themes include power and decision-making; the leadership and administration of cities; and present day problems and strategies to deal with them. Topics include urban political economy, political machines and urban reform, race and ethnicity in urban politics, and urban problems such as fiscal strain, poverty, the burden of growth and attracting economic investment, the costs and consequences of urban terror and disaster, and the global city.

POLS W3322 THE AMERICAN CONGRESS (AP)**GREGORY WAWRO**

Inquiry into the dynamics, organization, and policy-making processes of the American Congress. Particular emphasis on the relationship of legislators to constituents, lobbyists, bureaucrats, the president, and with one another.

POLS W3503 THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (CP)**CHRIS BLATTMAN**

Why is Africa still poor? What, if anything, can the West do about it? No course can answer these questions in full, but one can get started on the (hopefully lifelong) learning. Students will be exposed to the major and the not-so-major debates in aid and development. They will discuss the conventional and less conventional theories of poverty, growth, war and good governance, and why there is so much or so little of it in Africa. The aim is to help students think critically about these debates and their possible role in the problems and solutions.

POLS W3595 SOCIAL PROTECTION AROUND THE WORLD (CP)**ISABELA MARES**

This course employs the tools of comparative politics to account for the development of social policies in both developed and developing countries. The policies and institutions by which governments provide social protection to their citizens vary significantly across countries. Some governments provide only meager benefits to a narrow group of citizens, while others cover the entire population. In some countries, these benefits are provided directly by the state, while in others, many responsibilities are delegated to societal organizations, such as labor unions, religious organizations and so on.

POLS W3631 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY (IR)**ERIC BLANCHARD**

Introduction to American foreign policy since 1945 with an emphasis on post-cold war topics. Will cover major schools of American thought, the policy making process, and key policies and issues.

POLS W3708 EMPIRICAL RESEARCH METHODS (M)**DONALD P. GREEN**

This course provides an introduction to selected research methods that are widely used in political science. The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the conceptual and methodological challenges that arise when researchers attempt to measure political phenomena, assess change over time, or demonstrate a causal relationship between policies and social outcomes. In order to reinforce core ideas and link them to ongoing political debates, students will conduct a series of small research projects that will involve statistical software, sampling, questionnaire development, and experimental design.

POLS W3720 SCOPE AND METHODS (M)**DANIEL CORSTANGE**

Why do citizens vote? Do Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns work to increase turnout? Does campaign spending increase the likelihood of electoral success? How do electoral rules affect the political representation of the poor? What determines the success of ethnic insurgencies? Why do some civil wars last longer than others? Do international laws protect civilians during military conflict? How we go about answering these questions (and other important questions about politics and our world) determines the quality of our answers. This course is about evaluating the quality of answers to political and social science research questions, and introduces fundamental topics in research design, choice of method, and data analysis. Although the material introduces concepts that are relevant to both quantitative and qualitative research methods, this course emphasizes quantitative research and provides an introduction to basic statistical analysis. At the successful completion of the course, students will be well-prepared to conduct independent research, including senior honor theses.

POLS W3911 SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY: RELIGION, DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS (PT)**JEAN COHEN**

This course will begin with a focus on the work of four classic thinkers in the critical analysis of religion: Rousseau, Marx, Tocqueville and Weber. We will discuss the meaning of the secularization thesis in their work, the relation of religion to modernity, and their views, when relevant, on the relation between religion and democracy. We then turn to contemporary authors involved in rethinking the secularization thesis, the place of religion in modernity as well as its relation to democracy. The works of Casanova, Assad, Rawls, Taylor and Habermas will be read.

POLS W3921 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS (AP)**SECTION 001: GAYS & LESBIANS IN AMERICAN POLITICS, JUSTIN PHILLIPS**

This course will provide a broad overview of the politics of gay and lesbian rights in the United States. Topics to be examined include the history of the movement, major U.S. Supreme Court and state supreme court rulings dealing with gay rights, and changing public opinion towards gays and lesbians.

SECTION 002: MEDIA & AMERICAN POLITICS, KATHLEEN KNIGHT

Both conventional wisdom and scholarly research about the role of the mass media in American politics have changed rapidly in a very short period of time. This course explores the influence of the mass media on politics with attention to changes in the relationship between the media and government. We will start with consideration of the historical role of the mass media and how it has changed. Then we will focus on the question of how much real influence the media have, and how it is exercised. This will involve examination of media treatment of substantive topics of current interest. These will include the fall political campaigns, the war, and additional topics chosen on the basis of student interest. This is a research seminar in American politics. Students are expected to engage in original empirical research on one of several topics in mass media and politics and to contribute to group efforts on data collection, coding, fact checking, cross-verification and review. In the event of excess demand, an application process will take place at the first class meeting.

SECTION 003: BILL OF RIGHTS, MARTHA ZEBROWSKI

This seminar is an investigation of the nature and importance of the federal Bill of Rights in the American federal and state constitutional systems. Common readings, class discussions, and student seminar papers consider the social, political, and legal significance of the Bill of Rights in historical and contemporary American discourse and analysis, along with constitutional case law regarding specific rights. The first part of the course is devoted to a discussion of common, required readings that consider the Bill of Rights in historical and contemporary perspective. The second part of the course is devoted to students' presentations, in class, of their own research on individual topics relating to a particular right grounded in the American federal and state bills of rights.

SECTION 004: ISSUES THAT DIVIDE AMERICA, IRWIN GERTZOG

Seminar focuses on four political issues so contentious that they have produced enduring cultural, socio-economic, and political divisions throughout the United States. The four issues are slavery and efforts to end it; the use of alcoholic beverages and the struggle to curtail it; abortion and attempts to prohibit it; and lesbian and gay rights and the battle to impede them.

SECTION 005: EQUALITY & THE LAW, ROBERT AMDUR

SECTION 006: TERRORISM & COUNTERTERRORISM, BRIGITTE NACOS

The seminar is designed to illuminate students' understanding of the most important aspects of domestic and international terrorism with an emphasis on the United States as target of and responder to this sort of political violence.

SECTION 007: POLICY MAKING, JUDITH RUSSELL

This seminar directs readings and research on public policy making in the American federal government. It is designed to help students think analytically about the ways in which the structures, processes and actors at the heart of public policy making interact. It examines how political institutions--the executive and legislative branches--are organized and motivated to produce policy, the politics of government organization, bureaucratic operation and survival, how the budget process drives policy making processes, policy structures and relationships that have emerged out of custom and practice, theories and models of decision making, concepts of rationality and choice, agenda-setting, political innovation, interest groups' role in policy formation as well as that of the judiciary. Specific policy areas we will engage as case studies are: economic and employment policy, energy and environmental policy, and policy responses to terrorism and disaster. Some policy investigations we will engage are evolving as we study them during the semester.

SECTION 008: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, RAYMOND SMITH

This class will provide an examination of the 2012 Presidential Election as it is unfolding. Early in the course, we will preview the election, examining the political processes and institutions that are likely to shape the outcome. The second part of the course will revolve around the election itself, and will focus on a close examination of the November 6 election itself. During the last part of the class will take a closer look at the institution of the Presidency itself and the transition to power. Along with other assignments, students will write and present a research paper incorporating the actual results of the election.

POLS W3930 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SEMINAR (AP)**SIDNEY ROSDEITCHER**

This course explores major features of U.S. constitutional law through close examination of selected decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Through student discussion and some lecturing, the seminar addresses issues arising from the Constitution's allocation of power among the three branches of government, including the role of the federal judiciary in a democratic polity; the allocation of powers between the National and State governments, including the scope of Congress' regulatory powers; and the protection of the private sphere from arbitrary and discriminatory government conduct, including the evolution of the concept of liberty from its protection of economic interests before the New Deal to its current role in protecting individual autonomy and privacy, protections against racial and gender discrimination and some aspects of freedom of speech and press. More generally the seminar aims to enhance understanding of some main aspects of our constitutional tradition and the judicial process by which it is elaborated.

POLS W3951 SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS (CP)**SECTION 001: DEMOCRATIZATION & REGIME CHANGE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, KIMULI KASARA****SECTION 002: SIZE OF GOVERNMENT, LUCY GOODHART**

Also counts as an American politics course.

As current American debate illustrates, the role of the state, and the size of government spending as a percentage of GDP, is one of the fundamental issues that structures the political landscape. Across many, if not most, of the advanced, industrialized democracies, the appropriate level of government expenditure is the issue that separates and defines political parties, energizes voters, and informs a normative debate on the proper role of the state in society. In this seminar, we will first read some of the canonical texts that supported the growth in state spending after World War II and the opposing voices arguing for a more minimalist state. Next, we will review the empirical analyses of who wants more spending or less, and why, in order to determine whether available theory can help to explain the significant variations we observe over time and across country in the actual level of state spending. A further step is to explore whether we are more likely to understand the reasons for state spending if we see it as the delivery of public goods, as a mechanism for redistribution or as insurance against risk. Last, but not least, we consider how and whether increased global integration has influenced both the demand for public expenditure and the ability of policy-makers to respond to popular preferences.

SECTION 003: VARIETIES OF CAPITALISM, ISABELA MARES

This course provides a theoretical framework for understanding the variation in economic and social institutions among advanced capitalist economies. Can we meaningfully talk of the German or Swedish model and, if so, what are their distinctive characteristics? In what ways do these economies differ from liberal market economies, such as the United States or the United Kingdom? Do these cross-national differences persist in the face of increased economic integration and globalization? We will explore these questions by examining institutional and policy differences in the following areas: (a) training and skill formation; (b) financial institutions and corporate governance, (c) the welfare state, (d) systems of industrial relations.

POLS W3961 SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR)**SECTION 001: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE & INVESTMENT, PABLO PINTO**

Prerequisites: POLS V1601 or the equivalent, and instructor's permission. This seminar examines the politics of several major issues in international trade and direct investment. It analyzes the distributional impact of globalization, and explores why and how governments regulate the flow of goods and capital across national borders. The course is divided into four blocks that look at the patterns and distributive consequences of trade, the political economy of trade politics, the political economy of trade reform, and the political economy of investment, respectively. Students are required to actively participate in weekly discussions, to write two review papers during the course of the semester, and submit a final research paper on one of the topics of the seminar.

SECTION 002: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS OF THE COLD WAR, ROBERT JERVIS**SECTION 003: LAW & ETHICS OF INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION, MICHAEL DOYLE**

This seminar offers an opportunity for students to explore the law, ethics and politics of international intervention. We will concentrate on humanitarian and preventive intervention. When should states or international organizations be permitted or required to intervene in order to rescue populations from a humanitarian emergency? When can states anticipate a potential attack and act so as to forestall it? Drawing on the literature and examining historical cases, the seminar aims to foster a discussion of what would be better procedural and substantive guidelines for making these difficult decisions.

SECTION 004: TBA**SECTION 005: TBA, LINDA KIRSCHKE****SECTION 006: THEORIES OF REVOLUTION & CONTENTIOUS COLLECTIVE ACTION, SHAHROUGH AKHAVI**

This course focuses on theories of revolution, civil violence, and contentious collective action. Efforts to explain these phenomena date to antiquity, as evidenced by Aristotle's analysis in Book V of *The Politics*. Among the major approaches to be covered in this seminar are structural theories, psychological theories, and political process theories. Although revolutions, civil violence, and contentious collective action unfold within societies, they also may be shaped by, as well as impact upon, international factors, such as external wars, demographic shifts, and economic pressures. We will address this aspect of the subject as well.

POLS C3998 SENIOR HONORS SEMINAR**TANISHA FAZAL**

Prerequisite: admission to the departmental honors program. A two-term seminar for students writing the senior honors thesis.

POLS W4134 MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT (PT)**NADIA URBINATI**

Interpretations of civil society and the foundations of political order according to the two main traditions of political thought-- contraction and Aristotelian. Readings include works by Hobbes, Spinoza, Locke, Montesquieu, Hume, Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Saint-Simon, Tocqueville, Marx, and Mill.

POLS W4210 RESEARCH TOPICS IN GAME THEORY (M)**MICHAEL TING**

Prerequisite: W4209 or instructor's permission. Advanced topics in game theory will cover the study of repeated games, games of incomplete information and principal-agent models with applications in the fields of voting, bargaining, lobbying and violent conflict. Results from the study of social choice theory, mechanism design and auction theory will also be treated. The course will concentrate on mathematical techniques for constructing and solving games. Students will be required to develop a topic relating political science and game theory and to write a formal research paper.

POLS W4360 MATH METHODS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE (M)**NICHOLAS BEAUCHAMP**

Instructor approval required before registration. Provides students of political science with a basic set of tools needed to read, evaluate, and contribute in research areas that increasingly utilize sophisticated mathematical techniques.

POLS W4406 DEMOCRACY & INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN LATIN AMERICA (CP)**GABRIEL NEGRETTO**

The purpose of this course is to analyze the central features of new democratic regimes in Latin America and the institutional transformations they have experienced since 1978. The course is divided into three sections: democracy and political institutions, performance and quality of democracy, and institutional reform.

POLS W4445 POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA (CP)**MONA EL-GHOBASHY (BARNARD)**

This course examines issues on the political economy of institutions, with an empirical emphasis on countries with intermediate levels of economic and institutional development (especially Latin American ones), from a comparative perspective. It draws on theoretical tools and concepts used mostly in economics (such as game theory and the new institutional economics) to look into issues that are largely political. It attempts to build bridges between a mostly theoretical literature in political economy and its applicability to the Latin American context.

POLS W4461 LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS (CP)**M. VICTORIA MURILLO**

Comparative theoretical and empirical analysis of political development and regime change in the region through close study of the interrelated nature of polity, society, and economy in selected cases.

POLS G4471 CHINESE POLITICS (CP)**KAY SHIMIZU**

Selected aspects of contemporary Chinese politics, including the causes and character of the Chinese revolution, the transformation worked in Chinese society by the revolutionary government, political conflict, and the goals of government policies and the policies of carrying them out.

POLS G4472 JAPANESE POLITICS (CP)**GERALD CURTIS**

Surveys key features of the Japanese political system, with focus on political institutions and processes. Themes include party politics, bureaucratic power, the role of the Diet, voting behavior, the role of the state in the economy, and the domestic politics of foreign policy.

POLS G4476 KOREAN POLITICS (CP)**SUE MI TERRY**

This course examines both North and South Korea's politics and foreign policy. The course will survey the Korean peninsula's modern history from Japanese colonialism, partition and the establishment of two separate Koreas, Cold War politics, the Korean War, and South Korea's democracy movement to the present-day North Korean nuclear crisis.

Since the division of the Korean peninsula in 1945, South Korea has developed into one of the largest trading nations in the world with a vibrant democratic polity. North Korea, isolated, destitute, and now ruled by a third-generation hereditary dictatorship, has descended into a perpetually aid-dependent state that maintains internal control through extreme repression. What does the future hold for the two Koreas? Special attention will be given to the North's strategy of brinkmanship, the implications of possible regime collapse, and an analysis of U.S. North Korea policy.

POLS W4496 CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN POLITICS (CP)**KIMULI KASARA**

Topics include the transition from colonialism to independence, ethnic and class relations, the state, strategies for development, international influences, and case studies of selected countries.

POLS W4895 WAR, PEACE & STRATEGY (IR)**RICHARD BETTS**

Survey of the causes of war and peace, functions of military strategy, interaction of political ends and military means. Emphasis on 20th-century conflicts; nuclear deterrence; economic, technological, and moral aspects of strategy; crisis management; and institutional norms and mechanisms for promoting stability.

POLS W4910 QUANTITATIVE POLITICAL RESEARCH (M)**DAVID K. PARK**

Instructor approval required before registration. Introduction to the use of quantitative techniques in political science and public policy. Topics include descriptive statistics and principles of statistical inference and probability through analysis of variance and ordinary least-squares regression. Computer applications are emphasized.

POLS W4912 MULTIVARIATE POLITICAL ANALYSIS (M)**SHIGEO HIRANO**

Instructor approval required before registration. Prerequisite: basic data analysis through multiple regression (e.g., POLS W4910) and knowledge of basic calculus and matrix algebra. More mathematical treatment of topics covered in POLS W4911. Examines problems encountered in multivariate analysis of cross-sectional and time-series data.

POLS G6210 THEORIES & DEBATES IN AMERICAN POLITICS (AP)**ROBERT ERIKSON & JEFFREY LAX**

This graduate student field survey provides an overview of the scholarly study of American politics. The course has been designed for students who intend to specialize in American politics, as well as for those students whose primary interests are comparative politics, international relations, or political theory, but who desire an intensive introduction to the "American" style of political science. Instructor permission is required before registration. Please contact the instructors for more information.

POLS G6404 ISSUES & METHODS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS (CP)**ISABELA MARES****POLS G6411 COMPARATIVE POLITICS SURVEY I (CP)****JOHN HUBER**

This graduate level seminar is designed to introduce students to many of the main questions motivating research in comparative politics. This course and its counterpart offered in the spring (G6412) are not designed as exercises in intellectual history, although some "classics" are included. They are also not designed to teach particular approaches or methods in the study of comparative politics, although many such approaches and methods are included in the readings. Instead, they are designed to give students a sense of what we "know" today about the answers to some major questions that animate the subfield and to encourage students to develop the analytical skills, substantive knowledge, and theoretical insights necessary to make their own contributions to comparative politics and political science. Comparative Politics Survey II builds on the topics developed Comparative Politics Survey I, but can easily be taken before taking Comparative Politics Survey I. Topics to be covered in the surveys include among others, institutions, culture, parties, violence, collective action, economic development, bureaucracy, regimes and regime change, the welfare state, corruption and political behavior.

POLS G6601 ISSUES IN POLITICAL THEORY (PT)**DAVID JOHNSTON**

A survey of selected issues and debates in political theory. Areas of the field discussed include normative political philosophy, history of political thought, and the design of political and social institutions.

POLS G6801 THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR)**ROBERT JERVIS**

Issues and problems in theory of international politics; systems theories and the current international system; the domestic sources of foreign policy and theories of decision making; transnational forces, the balance of power, and alliances.

POLS G8219 ELECTIONS (AP)**ROBERT ERIKSON**

This course examines the electoral behavior of the American public and the interpretation of election outcomes. Students will read and discuss the relevant literature, prepare a short informal paper analyzing data from the 2008 presidential election, write thought papers on the readings for selected weeks, and write a research paper on voting and elections.

POLS G8223 LEGISLATIVE BEHAVIOR & INSTITUTIONALISM (AP)**SHARYN O'HALLORAN**

Instructor permission required before registration. Examination of the interactions between individual incentives and political institutions in shaping policy. The course presents an approach to the study of politics that emphasizes individual incentives in an electoral system, examines how reelection-minded legislators organize to solve collection dilemmas, and focuses on the effects of these political institutions on policy choice.

POLS G8403 POLITICS OF CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IN LATIN AMERICA (CP)**GABRIEL NEGRETTO**

The purpose of this seminar is to analyze the politics of constitutional change from a theoretical and comparative perspective. We will discuss different approaches to constitutional stability and change and apply them to explain selected cases of constitutional reform in Latin America. The seminar is divided into three sections: concepts and approaches, institutional design and variation, and constitution making episodes. We conclude with a discussion on the importance of constitutional change for the reformulation of a research agenda on institutional origins and effects.

POLS G8427 COMPARATIVE ETHNIC POLITICS (CP)**DANIEL CORSTANGE**

Instructor Approval Required. This course examines recent research on the role of ethnic groups in political analysis. The course is structured around three questions: What are ethnic (racial, national etc) groups and why might they matter for political behavior?

What explains variation in the structure of ethnic demographics? And what are the consequences of variation in ethnic demographics on political outcomes? The material emphasizes recent formal and econometric approaches to address these questions and a background in formal modeling up to 4209 is assumed.

POLS G8471 CHINESE POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (CP)

XIAOBO LU

The major issues in the secondary literature, together with identification of problems of, and approaches to, research.

POLS G8474 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EAST ASIA (CP)

KAY SHIMIZU

This course is designed to explore the content, process, and problems of East Asia's economic reforms in a comparative perspective. While there is a heavy focus on the economy, the approach is one of political economy, not economics. Through a detailed examination of the literature on industrial policy, property rights, markets and the role of the state in economic development, it is hoped that broader comparative insights may emerge about reform in East Asia that distinguishes it from the experience of regimes in developing and developed nations worldwide. The overarching question is what explains the course of East Asia's state and its agents? What incentives motivated their particular responses to the reforms? What role did changes in property rights play in the trajectory of each country's reforms? Why were some reforms easier to implement than others? Who were the winners and losers in the different reforms? What major new problems have emerged and why? How have those been handled? This course presumes a basic knowledge of the governments and politics of East Asia.

POLS G8492 COMPARING INSTITUTIONS (CP)

TIMOTHY FRYE

POLS G8826 POLITICAL ECONOMY OF TRADE & INVESTMENT (IR)

PABLO PINTO

This course examines the politics of several major issues in international trade and investment. It explores why and how governments regulate the flow of goods and capital across national borders. The course is divided into four blocks that look at the distributive consequences of trade, the political economy of trade politics, the political economy of trade reform, and the political economy of foreign direct investment and multinational corporations, respectively. The course presumes some familiarity with international economics. Economic theory will help us identify the welfare and distributional implications of alternative policies. We will also make extensive use of the insights from the positive political economy tradition to analyze how political actors (voters, interest groups, political parties, and politicians) interact within political institutions to shape policy outcomes. Students are required to actively participate in weekly discussions, write two review papers during the semester, and submit an original research paper on one of the topics of the seminar at the end of the semester.

POLS G8833 LAW OF WAR (IR)

TANISHA FAZAL

This course focuses on issues surrounding the conduct of warfare. It is centered around a series of questions relating to *jus in bello*, or the international law governing use of force once hostilities have commenced. Why, for example, have some laws of war been created but not others? Under what conditions should we expect belligerents to observe the laws of war? Why even try to govern the conduct of war? Few of these questions have received systematic treatment from political scientists. Yet, as the law of war has become increasingly salient both domestically and internationally, it is critical to sharpen our understanding of this topic.

POLS G8865 UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY (IR)

RICHARD BETTS

Survey of post-Cold War U.S. policy, relations with Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East, military and economic policy, political intervention (human rights policy and covert action), and environmental diplomacy.

POLS G8870 US RELATIONS WITH EAST ASIA (IR)

GERALD CURTIS

Examination of key developments in East Asian international relations and their implications for United States foreign policy. Students should have knowledge about at least one East Asian country (China, Japan, Korea and the countries in ASEAN).

POLS G9901 DISSERTATION SEMINAR

SECTION 001: JEAN COHEN

SECTION 002: DORIAN WARREN & SHIGEO HIRANO

Provides students the opportunity to present draft dissertation proposals and draft dissertation chapters. Enrollment limited to advanced students in the Political Science Ph.D. program except by permission of the instructor.