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POL101: Power and Politics

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Description

This course examines politics through the major themes, issues, and questions that have defined the 21st Century. Students will be introduced to basic political concepts such as authority, power, and legitimacy as well as ideas and ideologies, such as, liberalism, democracy, nationalism, multiculturalism and secularism. Topics include war, terrorism, expulsion, eugenics, migration and citizenship, and human rights as well as the institutional structures through which these policies are pursued: parliaments, political parties, electoral systems, and courts. The unifying theme of the course will be liberal democracy: what does it mean, how did it emerge, and how secure is it? We will address the relationship between liberalism and democracy, their compatibility as well as the many tensions that exist between these two. We will ask what role did war, genocide and expulsion play in underpinning and institutionalizing human rights. What role did social movements play? And what role did ideas and argument, including the powerful normative appeal of rights, play? Students will be encouraged to think about how the ideas and events discussed relate to contemporary political, social and moral issues: Do we live in a well-functioning liberal democracy? Further topics covered will include the refugee crisis in Syria; displaced populations in Israel, Turkey, Europe and elsewhere; when and how states control immigration, and the reasons for and risks entailed in interventionist social policies.

Readings

All the readings for the course are posted on Blackboard. The reading load for this course is not heavy but some of it will be written in a style that is not familiar. **The readings are not a substitute for attending lectures and tutorials.** It is best if you do the readings in advance of the lecture topic and tutorial discussion. Reading guides will be posted along with the readings that suggest some important questions and issues to look for in the texts. Unless marked “recommended,” all readings are required.

Email Communication

Students are encouraged to raise questions not answered by the syllabus in class, tutorial, and office hours. Email should be a last, not a first, resort. In the event that a matter cannot wait until class or tutorial, you should contact the head TA Nikola Milicic: n.milicic@utoronto.ca

Requirements

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| • Paper, 1500 words | DUE: | |
| ○ Annotated Bibliography | Week of Oct. 26th | 10% |
| ○ Preliminary Paper (1200 words) | Week of Jan. 18th | 10% |
| ○ Revised paper (1500 words) | Week of Feb. 22nd | 15% |

All writing assignments are handed in during tutorials

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| • Mid-term exam | TBA | 20% |
| • Final exam | TBA | 35% |
| • Tutorials | | 10% |

A detailed description outlining the three steps of the writing assignment will be distributed in tutorial and posted on Blackboard.

All assignments must be handed in on time. The penalty for late assignments is 2 percent per weekday late. Extensions will only be granted for valid and documented medical and/or family reasons. Students are strongly advised to keep rough work, drafts and hard copies of essays and assignments before handing them in. These should be kept until the marked assignments have been returned.

Essay Submission

Normally, students will be required to submit their essay final draft to Turnitin.com for a review of textually similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site. Before the due date students will be given a class ID and a password. You should generate your own

account and use it to submit your work. *Essays have to be submitted to turnitin.com before tutorial. Submissions to turnitin.com after tutorial will count as late submissions.*

Double-sided initiative: This course is taking part in the University of Toronto's double-sided initiative; you are encouraged to print your essays on both sides of the page.

Tutorials

Tutorial signup will be done through Blackboard during the first two weeks of classes.

Attendance for all tutorials is mandatory. There are scheduled regular tutorials as well as writing tutorials. All tutorials will be run by Teaching Assistants (TAs). During regular tutorials, students will discuss the lectures and reading materials. Special writing tutorials (WIT tutorials) will be offered in this course. These tutorials are also mandatory, allowing students an opportunity to discuss various aspects of writing, such as argumentation, scope, originality and style.

Tutorial Schedule

	The week of*
Tutorial #1	September 21st
Tutorial #2 WIT Tutorial – Identifying Arguments & Evidence	September 28th
Tutorial #3	October 5th
Tutorial #4 WIT Tutorial – Evaluating Arguments	October 19th
Tutorial #5	October 26th
Tutorial #7	November 2nd
Tutorial #8	November 30th
Tutorial #9 WIT Tutorial – Developing Your Own Argument	January 11th
Tutorial #10	January 18th
Tutorial #11	February 1th
Tutorial #12 WIT Tutorial – Integrating Feedback	February 8th
Tutorial #13	February 22
Tutorial #14	March 7th
Tutorial #15	March 21th
Tutorial #16	April 4th

*Please note that the date denotes the Monday of the week that tutorials are held and NOT the date of actual tutorial. The date of your tutorial depends on the day your own tutorial meets.

Course Materials

All readings will be available on-line via blackboard. Students will be able to access the readings from links in the on-line syllabus and pdf copies of chapters and articles. **All students must register for the POL 101 blackboard.**

Cheating

Cheating and plagiarism are serious academic offences and will be dealt with accordingly. For further clarification and information, please see the University of Toronto's policy on plagiarism at <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>

Accessibility

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodation for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible (disability.services@utoronto.ca or studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility).

COURSE OUTLINE

September 14: Introduction and Orientation

* no reading assigned

September 21: Democracy

* Robert Kaplan, "Was Democracy Just a Moment?" *The Atlantic Monthly*, December 1997 online at <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1997/12/was-democracy-just-a-moment/6022/>

* Amartya Sen, "Democracy as a Universal Value"

http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/journal_of_democracy/v010/10.3sen.html

September 28: Nations, Citizenship, and Political Legitimacy: The Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Guest speaker: Justice Murray Sinclair

* Courtney Jung, “Canada and the Legacy of the Indian Residential Schools: Transitional Justice for Indigenous People in a Non-transitional Society,” in P. Macklem and D. Sanderson (eds), *From Recognition to Reconciliation: Essays on the Constitutional Entrenchment of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights* (UTP, 2015).

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/aboriginal/truth-and-reconciliation-looking-back-on-a-landmark-week-for-canada-1.3102956>

* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-urges-canada-to-confront-cultural-genocide-of-residential-schools-1.3096229>

October 5: Presidents and Parliaments

* Mark Dickerson and Thomas Flanagan, *An Introduction to Government and Politics*, 7th ed. (Toronto: Thompson Nelson, 2006), chapter 20

* Juan J. Linz, “The Perils of Presidentialism,” in *The Global Resurgence of Democracy* 2nd edition, eds. Larry Diamond and Marc Plattner (Johns Hopkins Press, 1996)

October 12: Thanksgiving. No class

October 19: Elections and Electoral Systems

* Mark Dickerson and Thomas Flanagan, *An Introduction to Government and Politics*, 7th ed. (Toronto: Thompson Nelson, 2006), chapters 25 & 26

* Pippa Norris, “Choosing Electoral Systems: Proportional, Majoritarian and Mixed Systems” *International Political Science Review* Vol. 18, No. 3,

<http://www.jstor.org/pss/1601345>

http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/01925121/v18i0003/297_cespmams

October 26: Political Participation

* Brian Wampler, “Expanding Accountability through Participatory Institutions: Mayors, Citizens and Budgeting in Three Brazilian Municipalities,” *Latin American Politics and Society*, vol.46, No.2 Summer 2004 www.jstor.org/stable/3177175

* Schlozman, Verba, and Brady, "Participation is not a Paradox: The View from American Activists" *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 25, No.1 (Jan., 1995) pp1-36

November 2: Race, Gender, and Politics

* Anthony Marx, "Race Making and the Nation-State" *World Politics*, 48, no.2 January 1996 180-208 http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/summary/v048/48.2marx.html

* Mala Htun, "Is Gender Like Ethnicity? The Political Representation of Identity Groups," *Perspectives on Politics* Vol.2, No.3 August 2004
http://resolver.scholarsportal.info.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/resolve/15375927/v02i0003/439_igletproig

November 9: reading week, no class

November 16: Liberalism

* Alan Ryan, "Liberalism" from *Blackwell Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy*.

* Benjamin Constant, *The Liberty of the Ancients Compared with that of the Moderns*

November 23: Sovereignty and Economic Integration: NAFTA, the EU and the Greek Debt Crisis

* Stephen Clarkson, Canada's Secret Constitution: NAFTA, WTO and the End of Sovereignty? October 2002
http://www.policyalternatives.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/publications/National_Office_Pubs/clarkson_constitution.pdf

* <http://www.globalresearch.ca/chapter-eleven-of-nafta-remains-a-threat-to-national-sovereignty/10640>

* "Greece's Debt Crisis Explained"
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/business/international/greece-debt-crisis-euro.html>

November 30: International Treaties and the politics of climate change

- * Naomi Klein, *This Changes Everything*, chapters 1 and 2
- * Heather Smith, "Political Parties and Canadian Climate Change Policy," *International Journal*, 12/2008, Volume 64, Issue 1, pp. 47 - 66

December 7: Terror: 9/11

- * Eric Patterson, "Just War in the 21st Century: Reconceptualizing Just War Theory after September 11," *International Politics*, 2005, 42 (116-134)
- * Carrol Doherty, "Balancing Act: National Security and Civil Liberties in Post-9/11 Era," *Pew Research Center*, 2013 online at: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/06/07/balancing-act-national-security-and-civil-liberties-in-post-911-era/>
- * Charles Lewis, "Did the 9/11 attacks irrevocably shatter American civil liberties," <http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/charles-lewis-did-the-911-attacks-irrevocably-shatter-american-civil-liberties>

WINTER BREAK

January 11: War

- * Doris L. Bergen. *War & Genocide: A Concise History of the Holocaust*. Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009. (Chapter 1 and Conclusion) [recommended]
- * Tony Judt. "The past is another country: myth and memory in postwar Europe." *Daedalus* 121.4 (1992): 83-118.
- * Timothy Snyder. *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin*. New York: Basic Books, 2010. (Preface)
- * Henry Ashby Turner. "Fascism and modernization," *World Politics* 24.4 (1972): 547-564.

January 18: Cold War

- * William Appleman Williams. *The Tragedy of American Diplomacy*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1959. (Chapter 6)
- * Tony Judt. *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945*. London: Penguin Books, 2005. (Chapter 19). [recommended]
- * Reinhold Niebuhr. *The Irony of American History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1952. (pp. 1-16) [recommended]
- * Gerhard L. Weinberg. *Visions of Victory: The Hopes of Eight World War II Leaders*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. (Chapter 9) [recommended]
- * X. "The sources of Soviet conduct." *Foreign Affairs* 25.4 (1947): 566-582.

January 25: The international system

- * Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake, and Kenneth Schultz. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2012. (Introduction)
- * Francis Fukuyama. "At the 'end of history' still stands democracy." *The Wall Street Journal*, 6 June 2014.
- * Samuel P. Huntington. "The clash of civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs* 72.3 (1993): 22-49.
- * Mark Mazower. "The strange triumph of human rights, 1933-1950." *The Historical Journal* 47.2 (2004): 379-398. *

February 1: Forced Population Movement 1945-1951

- * Dawn Chatty and Randa Farah. "Palestinian refugees." In vol. 2 of *Immigration and Asylum: From 1900 to the Present*, ed. Matthew J. Gibney and Randall Hansen, 465-471. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2005.
- * R. M. Douglas. *Orderly and Humane: The Expulsion of the Germans after the Second World War*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012. (Introduction)
- * Pia Oberoi. "Indian partition." In vol. 1 of *Immigration and Asylum: From 1900 to the Present*, ed. Matthew J. Gibney and Randall Hansen, 307-307. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2005.

- * Derek J. Penslar. *Israel in History: The Jewish State in Comparative Perspective*. London: Routledge, 2007. (Chapter 1)

February 8: Democratic success and failure.

- * Lisa Anderson. "Demystifying the Arab Spring: parsing the differences between Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya." *Foreign Affairs* 90.2 (2011): 2-7. *
- * Sheri Berman. "Civil society and the collapse of the Weimar Republic." *World Politics* 49.3 (1997): 401-429.
- * Sheri Berman. "The promise of the Arab Spring: in political development, no gain without pain." *Foreign Affairs* 92.1 (2013): 64-74.
- * Steven Levitsky and Lucan A. Way. "Ties that bind? Leverage, linkage, and democratization in the post-Cold War world." *International Studies Review* 7.3 (2005): 519-524. *

February 15: READING WEEK- NO CLASS

February 22: Eugenics

- * Michael Freeden. "Eugenics and progressive thought: a study in ideological affinity." *The Historical Journal* 22.3 (1979): 645-671.
- * Randall Hansen and Desmond King. *Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race, and the Population Scare in Twentieth-Century North America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2013. (Chapter 3)

February 29: Immigration and Asylum

- * James F. Hollifield, Philip L. Martin and Pia M. Orrenius. *Controlling Immigration: A Global Perspective*. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2014. (Introduction)
- * Bridget Anderson, Matthew J. Gibney, and Emanuela Paoletti. "Citizenship, deportation and the boundaries of belonging." *Citizenship Studies* 15.5 (2011): 547-563 [recommended].
- * Joseph Carens. *Immigrants and the Right to Stay*. Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2013. (pp. 3-35) [recommended]
- * Gary P. Freeman. "Modes of immigration politics in liberal democratic states." *International Migration Review* 29.4 (1995): 881-902.

- * Matthew J. Gibney. "Liberal democratic states and responsibilities to refugees." *American Political Science Review* 93.1 (1999): 169-81. [recommended]

March 7: Multiculturalism

- * K. Anthony Appiah. "Identity, authenticity, survival: multicultural societies and social reproduction." In *Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition*, ed. Charles Taylor, 149-164. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.
- * Randall Hansen. "Assimilation by stealth: why Canada's multicultural policy is really a repackaged integration policy." In *The Multiculturalism Question: Debating Identity in 21st Century Canada*, ed. Jack Jedwab, 73-87. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014.
- * Christian Joppke. "The retreat of multiculturalism in the liberal state: theory and policy." *The British Journal of Sociology* 55.2 (2004): 237-257. [recommended]
- * Will Kymlicka. "Being Canadian." *Government and Opposition* 38.3 (2003): 357-385.
- * Cécile Laborde. *Critical Republicanism: The Hijab Controversy and Political Philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. (Chapter 5) [recommended]

March 14: GUEST LECTURE

Peter Loewen: Experiments

- * "Picking Election Winner by Appearance Accurate 70 Percent of the Time"
- * Alexander Todorov et al., "Inferences of Competence from Faces Predict Election Outcomes," *Science* (Vol. 308, 2005), pp. 1623-1626.
- * Lynnley Browning, "Professor Offers a Reality Check for Politicians," *New York Times* (August 31, 2002)
- * Leonard Wantchekon, "Clientelism and Voting Behavior," *World Politics* (Vol. 55, 2003), pp. 399-422

March 21: European Politics

- * Michelle Cini and Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán. *European Union Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. (Introduction)
- * Gøsta Esping-Andersen. *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990. (Chapter 1)

- * Randall Hansen. "The two faces of liberalism: Islam in contemporary Europe." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 37.6 (2011): 881-897. [recommended]
- * Robert Kagan. *Of Paradise and Power: America and Europe in the New World Order*. New York: Vintage Books, 2003. (pp. 3-42) [recommended]
- * Kalypso Nicolaidis. "We, the peoples of Europe..." *Foreign Affairs* 83.6 (2004): 97-110. [recommended]
- * Tony Judt. *Postwar: A History of Europe since 1945*. New York: Penguin Press, 2005. (Introduction and Conclusion)

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April 4: Conclusion