

POL2100 Government and Politics of Canada  
Wednesdays, 12:00-2:00 Rm: UC 148

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## 1. Course Description

This course uses close readings of leading scholarship to prepare students to assess and carry out research in Canadian political science. By the end of this course, students are expected to understand the leading debates and approaches in the field, and be able to rigorously evaluate their own and other scholars' research. The course is divided into three sections: (1) Identity and Politics (2) Government and Institutions (3) New Directions in Research.

## 2. Assessment

The quality of seminars depends on contributions from everybody. The seminar lead for each week will open the class with a 15-minute presentation. All students are expected to have read designated readings carefully, and to be able to provide insightful comments during class discussion. There is a take-home exam each semester. Students will also produce two papers, one in each semester, and present their papers to the class.

Participation 10%

Exams \* 2 30%

Papers (15 pages) \* 2 30%

Paper Presentations \* 2 15%

Seminar Leads \* 4 15%

## 3. Schedule

September 12 – Canadian Political Science: An Overview

Russell, Peter H. 2017. *Canada's Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press. (Start Reading)

Part A: Identity and Politics

September 19 – Identity and Canadian Politics

Russell, Peter H. 2017. *Canada's Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press. (Finish Reading)

Porter, J. 1965. *The Vertical Mosaic: An analysis of social class and power in Canada* (Toronto: UTP) (Ch. 1).

Cairns, A. 1995. "The Embedded State: State-Society Relations in Canada," in Keith Banting, ed., *State and Society: Canada in Comparative Perspective* (Toronto: UTP/Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, 1986).

Thompson, D. 2008. "Is Race Political?" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 41(3).

Smith, M. 2018 [2005]. *A Civil Society? Collective Actors in Canadian Political Life* (2nd Edition). Toronto: UTP.

Woods, Eric. 2012. "Beyond Multinational Federalism: Reflections on Nations and Nationalism in Canada" *Ethnicities* 12(3)

September 26 – Territorial Identities

- Irlbacher-Fox, S. 2009. *Finding Dahshaa: Self-Government, Social Suffering and Aboriginal Policy in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009)
- LaSelva, Samuel. 1996. *The Moral Foundations of Canadian Federalism: Paradoxes, Achievements, and Tragedies of Nationhood*. Montreal, PQ: McGill-Queen's University Press.
- McRoberts, K. 1997. *Misconceiving Canada: The Struggle for National Unity* (Toronto: OUP) (particularly 137-75)
- Schertzer, R. 2016. "Quebec Justices as Quebec Representatives: National Minority Representation and the Supreme Court of Canada's Federalism Jurisprudence" *Publius* 46(4)
- Nadasdy, P. 2017. *Sovereignty's Entailments: First Nation State Formation in the Yukon* (Toronto: UTP)
- Cairns, A. *Citizens Plus: Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000) (particularly Ch. 4)
- Alfred, T. 2009. *Peace, Power, Righteousness: An Indigenous Manifesto* (2nd ed.; Toronto: Oxford, 2009) (particularly 25-63)
- Abele, F. and Prince, M. 2006. "Four Pathways to Aboriginal Self-Government in Canada" *American Review of Canadian Studies* 36:4
- Henderson, A. 2004. "Regional Political Cultures in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 37(3).
- Cochrane, C and Perrella, A. 2012. "Regions, Regionalism and Regional Differences in Canada: Mapping Economic Opinions," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 45(4).
- Boyчук, Gerard William. 2008. *National Health Insurance in the United States and Canada: Race, Territory, and the Roots of Difference*. Washington: Georgetown University Press, pages 3-21, 95-153.
- October 3 – The Politics of Recognition
- Taylor, Charles, and Amy Guttman. 1994. *Multiculturalism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1-74.
- Banting, K and Kymlicka, W. (eds.) 2006. *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies*. (Oxford: OUP). (Introduction and Ch. 1).
- Coulthard, Glen Sean. 2014. *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1-24.
- Ladner, K. 2017. "Taking the Field: 50 Years of Indigenous Politics in the CJPS" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 50(1).
- Smith, M. 2008. *Political Institutions and Lesbian and Gay Rights in the United States and Canada* (New York: Routledge)
- Banneriji, H. 2000. *The Dark Side of the Nation* (Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press) (Ch 4.)
- Banting, K and Kymlicka, W. 2013. "Is there really a retreat from multiculturalism policies? New evidence from the multiculturalism policy index" *Comparative European Politics* 11(5)
- Kymlicka, Will. 2008. "Marketing Canadian Pluralism in the International Arena." In *The comparative turn in Canadian political science*, eds. Linda White et al. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- October 10 – Gender, Race, and Intersectionality
- Thompson, Debra. 2016. *The Schematic State: Race, Transnationalism and the Politics of the Census*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Shachar, A. *Multicultural Jurisdictions: Cultural Differences and Women's Rights* (New York: CUP) (Ch. 2)
- Bashevkin, Sylvia. 1993. *Toeing the Lines: Women and Party Politics in English Canada*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Tolley, E. 2011. "Do women 'do better' in municipal politics? Electoral representation across three levels of government" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(3)
- Tolley, E. 2015. *Framed: Media and the Coverage of Race in Canadian Politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press
- Green, J. 2001. "Canaries in the Mines of Citizenship: Indian Women in Canada" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 34(4)

Paterson, S. 2010. "What's the problem with gender-based analysis? Gender mainstreaming policy and practice in Canada" *Canadian Public Administration* 53(3).

October 17 – Research Break

October 24 – Papers Presentations, and Discussions

Part B: Institutions

October 31 – Institutions (PAPERS DUE)

Schmidt, V. 2010. "Taking Ideas and Discourse Seriously: Explaining change through discursive institutionalism as the fourth 'new institutionalism'" *European Political Science Review* 2(1)

Lecours, A. (ed.) 2005. *New Institutionalism: Theory and analysis* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press)

Mackay, F., Kenny, M. and L. Chappell. 2010. "New Institutionalism Through a Gender Lens: Towards a feminist institutionalism?" *International Political Science Review* 31(5)

Beland, D. and Cox, R. (eds.) 2010. *Ideas and Politics in Social Science Research* (Oxford: OUP)

Hall, P and Taylor, R. 1996. "Political Science and the Three New Institutionalisms" *Political Studies* 44(5)

November 7 – Responsible Government

Aucoin, Peter, Mark Jarvis, and Lori Turnbull. 2011. *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government*. Toronto, ON: Emond Publishing.

Savoie, D. 1999. *Governing From the Centre: The concentration of power in Canadian politics* (Toronto: UTP) (Particularly Introduction and Ch. 3).

Sutherland, Sharon. 1991. "Responsible Government and Ministerial Responsibility: Every Reform Is Its Own Problem." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 24(1): 91-120.

November 14 – Parliament

Godbout, Jean-François. Forthcoming 2018. *An Incomplete Union: Parties and Voting in the Parliament of Canada*.

Soroka, Stuart, Erin Penner, and Kelly Blidook. 2009. "Constituency Influence in Parliament." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 42(3): 563-591.

Kam, Christopher. 2009. *Party Discipline and Parliamentary Politics*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Smith, D. 2003. *The Canadian Senate in a Bicameral Perspective* (Toronto: UTP)

Franks, C.E.S, 1987. *The Parliament of Canada*. (Toronto: UTP)<sup>[LSEP]</sup>

November 21 – Electoral and Party Systems

Richard Johnston. 2017. *The Canadian Party System: An Analytic History*. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press.

LeDuc, Larry, and John Pammatt. 2016. *Dynasties and Interludes: Past and Present in Canadian Electoral Politics*. 2nd Edition. Toronto, ON: Dundurn.

Cairns, Alan. 1968. "The Electoral and the Party System in Canada, 1921-1965." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 1(1): 55-80.

Anderson, Cameron. 2006. "Economic Voting and Multilevel Governance: A Comparative Individual-Level Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(2): 449-463.

Tolley, Erin. 2011. "Do Women 'Do Better' in Municipal Politics? Electoral Representation Across Three Levels of Government." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(3): 573-594.

Merolla, Jennifer L., and Laura B. Stephenson. 2007. "Strategic Voting in Canada: A Cross-Time Analysis." *Electoral Studies* 26(2): 235-246.

Cochrane, Christopher. 2010. "Left-Right Ideology and Canadian Politics." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 43(3): 583-605.

November 27 – Voters

Gidengil, Elisabeth. 1992. "Canada Votes: A Quarter Century of Canadian National Election Studies." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 25(2): 219-248.

Blais, André. 2000. *To Vote or Not to Vote? The Merits and Limits of Rational Choice Theory*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press.

Anderson, Cameron D. and Laura B. Stephenson, Eds. 2010. *Voting Behaviour in Canada*. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press.

Soroka, Stuart. 2002. *Agenda-Setting Dynamics in Canada*. Vancouver, BC: UBC Press.

Mideiros, Mike, and Alain Noël. 2014. "The Forgotten Side of Partisanship: Negative Party Identification in Four Anglo-American Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 47(7): 1022-1046.

Caruana, Nicholas J., Michael R. McGregor, and Laura B. Stephenson. 2015. "The Power of the Dark Side: Negative Partisanship and Political Behaviour in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 48(4): 771-789.

December 5 – Exam  
\*\* Winter Break \*\*

January 9 – Constitutionalism

Tully, J. 1995. *Strange Multiplicity: Constitutionalism in the Age of Diversity* (Cambridge: CUP) (1-57).

Hirschl, R. 2004. *Toward Juristocracy: The Origins and Consequences of the New Constitutionalism* (Cambridge: HUP) (particularly Ch. 4)

Ladner, K. 2005. "Up the Creek: Fishing for a New Constitutional Order" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 38(4).

Smith, J. 1988. "Canadian Confederation and the Influence of American Federalism" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 21(3)

Borrows, J. 2010. *Canada's Indigenous Constitution* (Toronto: UTP).

Choudhry, S. 2000. "Constitutional Theory and the Quebec Secession Reference" *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence* 13(2)

Loughlin, M. 2003. *The Idea of Public Law* (Oxford: OUP) (Ch. 5)

Ajzenstat, J et. al. (eds.) 2003. *Canada's Founding Debates* (Toronto: UTP).

January 16 – Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations

Bakvis, H. and Skogstad, G. (eds.) 2012. *Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness and Legitimacy* (Toronto: OUP). (Focus on Chs. 1, 4, 5, 8, 15, 18).

Rocher, F. and Smith, M. 2003. "The Four Dimensions of Canadian Federalism" in *New Trends in Canadian Federalism*, Rocher, F and Smith M (eds.) (Peterborough: Broadview)

Simeon, R. 2002. *Political Science and Federalism: Seven Decades of Scholarly Engagement* (Kingston: Queen's University Institute of Intergovernmental Relations)

Schertzer, R., McDougall, A. and Skostad, G. 2018. "Multilateral Collaboration in Canadian Intergovernmental Relations: The Role of Procedural and Reciprocal Norms" *Publius* (January 2018)

Papillon, M. 2012. "Adapting Federalism: Indigenous Multilevel Governance in Canada and the United States" *Publius* 42(2)

Wallner, J. 2014. *Learning to School: Federalism and Public Schooling in Canada* (Toronto: UTP)

Rocher, François. 2009. "The Quebec-Canada Dynamic or the Negation of the Ideal of Federalism." In *Contemporary Canadian Federalism: Foundations, Traditions, Institutions*, ed. Alain-G. Gagnon. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, p. 81–130.

Boychuk, Gerard William. 2008. *National Health Insurance In the United States and Canada: Race, Territory, and the Roots of Difference*. Washington: Georgetown University Press, pages 3-21, 95-153.

Horak, Martin, and Robert Young, eds. 2012. *Sites of Governance: Multilevel Governance and Policy Making in Canada's Big Cities*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

(focus particularly on Intro and conclusion, as well as chapters on Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Halifax)

Leo, Christopher. 2006. "Deep Federalism: Respecting Community Difference in National Policy." *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique* 39(03): 481–506.

Smith, Alison, and Zachary Spicer. 2016. "The Local Autonomy of Canada's Largest Cities." *Urban Affairs Review* 40(2): 147–182.

Good, Kristin. 2009. *Municipalities and multiculturalism : the politics of immigration in Toronto and Vancouver*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

January 23 – Judicial System

Cairns, A. 1971. "The Judicial Committee and its Critics" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 4(3)

Radmilovic, V. 2010. "Strategic Legitimacy Cultivation at the Supreme Court of Canada: Quebec Secession Reference and Beyond" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 43(4)

Songer, D., Johnson, S., Ostberg, C. and Wetstein, M. 2012. *Law, Ideology and Collegiality: Judicial Behaviour in the Supreme Court of Canada* (Kingston: MQUP) (Chs 5 and 7).

Smith, J. 1983. "The Origins of Judicial Review in Canada" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 16(1).

Macfarlane, E. 2013. *Governing from the Bench: The Supreme Court of Canada and the Judicial Role* (Vancouver: UBC Press) (particularly 15-38).

Schertzer, R. 2017. "Federal Arbiters as Facilitators: Towards an integrated federal and judicial theory for diverse states" *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 15(1)

Schertzer, R. 2016. *The Judicial Role in a Diverse Federation: Lessons from the Supreme Court of Canada* (Toronto: UTP)

Kelly, J. 2001. "Reconciling Rights and Federalism during Review of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: The Supreme Court of Canada and the Centralization thesis, 1982 to 1999." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 34(2)

Baier, G. 2006. *Courts and Federalism: Judicial Doctrine in the United States, Australia and Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press)

Krikorian, J. 2012. *International Trade Law and Domestic Policy* (Vancouver: UBC Press) (Ch. 2).

January 30 – The Charter of Rights

Morton, F. and Knopff, R. 2000. *The Charter Revolution and the Court Party* (Peterborough: Broadview) (Chs 2-3).

Smith, M. 2005. "Social Movements and Judicial Empowerment: Courts, public policy and lesbian and gay organizing in Canada" *Politics and Society* 33(2)

Snow, David, and Mark S. Harding. 2016. "From Normative Debates to Comparative Methodology: The Three Waves of Post-Charter Supreme Court Scholarship in Canada." *American Review of Canadian Studies* 45(4): 451-466.

Hogg, P. and Bushell, A. 1997. "The Charter Dialogue Between Courts and Legislatures (Or Perhaps the Charter Of Rights Isn't Such a Bad Thing)." *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 35(1)

Manfredi, C. and Kelly, J. 1999. "Six Degrees of Dialogue: A Response to Hogg and Bushell." *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 37: 513-27.

Kelly, J. 2005. *Governing with the Charter: Legislative and judicial activism and framers' intent* (Vancouver: UBC Press)

Hiebert, J. 2002. *Charter conflicts: What is Parliament's Role?* (Montreal: MQUP)

McCormick, P. 2015. *The End of the Charter Revolution: Looking Back from the New Normal* (Toronto: UTP) [SEP]

February 6 – Research Break

February 13 – Exam

Note: For the applied seminars, the weeks may change to best accommodate the schedules of experts.

February 20 – Applied Gender Politics  
Guest TBA

February 22 – Applied Seminar on Experiments

Guest TBA

February 27: Applied Seminar on Computational Analysis of Text

Guest TBA

March 13: Applied Seminar on Big Data

Guest TBA

March 20: Applied Seminar on The Comparative Turn

Guest TBA

March 27 – Research Break

April 3 – Papers, Presentations, Discussions