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This course explores continuity and change in Canadian politics over the past two centuries. We will use the Confederation agreement of 1867 as a hinge that allows us to move back (to explore the connection between conquest and the origins of the state) and ahead (to explore the development of what has come to be known as the “liberal order” in Canadian politics). We will pay particular attention to what Peter Russell calls the three “pillars” of the Canadian political community – English, French, and Indigenous. Along the way we will meet and try out some of the standard tools of the developmental approach – among them path dependence, theories of state making, political orders, democratization and so on.

In other words, the goals of the course (and hence the learning objectives) are both substantive (to learn more about the historical patterns of Canadian politics) and methodological (to become familiar with the political development tool kit.)

Text Book and Other Readings:  

Our guide throughout the course will be Peter Russell, Canada’s Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests (University of Toronto Press, 2017). It is available for purchase at the University of Toronto bookstore (St. George and College).

Other readings will be posted on the course Quercus site.

Course requirements:

1) First essay: The first assignment will have you compare and contrast two accounts of the Confederation settlement of 1867. Both were written by Peter Russell – about 25
years apart. Your task will be to explain whether and how he has changed his mind over the years. (A more specific question and set of guidelines will be provided.) Due in class, Thursday, February 7. Value: 30% of the final mark.

2) Second term essay: An analytical essay, drawn from a menu of topics that will be distributed well in advance. Due in class: Thursday, March 28. Value: 35% of the final mark.

3) Final exam: A two-hour final examination will be held during the final exam period. Value: 30% of the final mark.

4) Participation: 5% of the final mark.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence and will be dealt with accordingly. For further clarification and information on plagiarism, please see the website of Writing at the University of Toronto: www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources.

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the turnitin.com website.

Late Penalties:

Late penalties for assignments are 2 per cent per day, including weekends. If you are unable to hand your paper in during the class time, you must hand it in to the Department of Political Science main office, Sidney Smith Hall, Room 3018, which is open from 9 to 5 daily. There is a drop off box for papers that arrive after 5 pm. Papers will be date stamped the next business day.

Accessibility Needs:

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility as soon as possible.
Week 1: (Thursday, January 10)  Introduction: What Is Political Development?

Week 2: (Thursday, January 17) 1867 And All That

Week 3: (Thursday, January 24) Missed Opportunities: The Quebec Conference of 1864
Various drafts of the Quebec Resolutions (1864) will be put on the course Quercus site.
Christopher Moore, *1867: How the Fathers Made a Deal* (McClelland and Stewart, 1997), ch. 4, pp. 95-132. (For background).

Week 4: (Thursday, January 31) The Deeper Structures of Canadian Politics: The Origins of the State and the Dynamics of being ‘Conquered into Liberty’
Russell, *Canada’s Odyssey*, chapters 2 (pp. 23-41) and 4 (pp. 54-70).

**Week 5: (Thursday, February 7) Deeper Structures (Part 2): Indigenous Peoples**

Russell, *Canada's Odyssey*, chapters 3 (pp. 42-53) and 5 (pp. 73-89).


**Week 6: (Thursday, February 14) Consolidating the Liberal, Federal Order**

Russell, *Canada's Odyssey*, chapters 8, 9, 10 (skim).

Package of newspaper editorials on the Rivers and Streams disallowance case, 1880s


**Reading Week (no class on Thursday, February 21)**

**Week 7: (Thursday, February 28) Democratization**


**Week 8: (Thursday, March 7) The Party System**


Week 9: (Thursday, March 14) The Welfare State

Week 10: (Thursday, March 21) Quebec, the Constitution, and the Charter
Russell, *Canada’s Odyssey*, chapters 11, 14.

Week 11: (Thursday, March 28) Citizenship and Multiculturalism

Week 12: (Thursday, April 4) Indigenous Peoples
Russell, *Canada’s Odyssey*, chapter 14 (reprise), 16.