

# ***2007 Seminar in Political Economy Econ 551/PS 4551***

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Mondays Elliot 300 2-4pm  
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## **Syllabus**

This is a research seminar, and the idea is to have you write a research paper on a topic that interests you in political economy. Ideally it should be a single paper of about 20pp. The last three weeks will be taken up by seminar presentations by students.

The following three books will be used as the basis for the seminar:

Norman Schofield (2006), *Architects of Political Change: Constitutional Quandaries and Social Choice Theory* (called AP).

Norman Schofield and Itai Sened (2006), *Multiparty Democracy: Elections and Legislative Politics* (called MD).

Both published in 2006 with Cambridge UP. (They should be available in the book shop under Econ 551)

Jack Knight and Jim Johnson *Politics, Institutions and Justification* (manuscript) (called PIJ)

A number of Schofield's related articles (marked with \*) are available from his website in political science at:

[http://polisci.wustl.edu/sub\\_page.php?s=3&m=0&d=24](http://polisci.wustl.edu/sub_page.php?s=3&m=0&d=24)

On this site you can find a copy of the *Spatial Model of Politics* (SPA, in press for Routledge), as well as copies of AP and MD. Graduate students taking this course will be expected to do additional readings from SPA and from the research papers.

The first part of the course will use *AP and MD* and some ideas from "social choice theory" to interpret constitutional transformation in the U.S., from 1776 to the present. There will also be a discussion of modeling elections in the U.S., Britain, Latin America, the Middle East and possibly other countries in the EU. The second part will use PIJ to discuss Deliberation and Democracy. The third part will be devoted to student presentations of their research papers.

### **Part 1.Social Choice**

Week 1, Sept 10: Introduction. You can read Chapter 1 of AP.

Week 2, Sept 17: Chapter 2 and 3 of AP (Power and then Franklin and the War of Independence)

Week 3, Sept 24 : Chapter 4 of AP (Madison Jefferson and Condorcet) and 5 (Lincoln and the Civil War).

Week 4 ,Oct 1: US elections: Chapters 6 of AP (Johnson and the realignment of 1964) and Chapter 8 of MD, with The Transformation of the Republican and Democratic Coalitions in the United States\* . ( Miller and Schofield).

Week 5 Oct 8: Elections in Britain, Israel, Latin America and Turkey.  
Chapters 7 of MD.( Britain), Chapter 4 of MD ( Elections in Israel) and “A Model of Political Competition with Activists applied to elections in Argentina , 1985-1995.\* (Schofield and Cataife). *Mathematical Social Science*, 53(3) ( May, 2007): 213-231.  
A Model of Party Positioning\* (Schofield and Ozdemir)

## Part 2. Justification and Democracy

Week 6 , Oct 15: Joshua Cohen. “Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy.” In *The Good Polity*. Ed. A. Hamlin and P. Pettit. Blackwell.

Bernard Manin. “Metamorphoses of Representative Government,” *Economy & Society* 23:133-71.

Lynn Sanders. “Against Deliberation.” *Political Theory*.

Week 7 , Oct 22: Knight and Johnson, *PIJ*, Chapters 1-2

Week 8, Oct 29: Knight and Johnson, *PIJ*, Chapters 3-4

Week 9, Nov 5: Knight and Johnson, *PIJ*, Chapters 5-6.

## Part 3 Seminar presentations

Week 10- 14: Nov 12,26, Dec 3, Seminar presentations ( no class on Nov 19).

We can schedule individual meetings with students during these three weeks.

Week 15. Dec 10. Final class and discussion. .