

2007. Seminar in Political Theory PolEcon 498

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Cupples II.101 on Tuesday 4 September
Thereafter at 35 Benton Place (Tel 772 8636)

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. It can either be a single paper of about 20pp or two smaller articles of about 10pp each.

The following two books will be used as the basis for the seminars:

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.

A number of my related articles (marked with *) are available from my website in political science at:

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 (in press for Routledge)

The first part of the course will use *AP* and some ideas from “social choice theory” to interpret constitutional transformation in the U.S., from 1776 to the present.

The second part will use *MD* and will focus on modeling elections in the U.S., Britain, Netherlands, Italy and Israel, and compare the effects of different electoral rules in Israel and Europe.

The third part will continue with a discussion of International Political Economy, starting with Chapter 7 of *AP*. This chapter introduces the idea of the Atlantic Constitution and the creation of the post WWII international institutions.

Part 1. Constitutional Quandaries

Week 1, Sept 4: Chapter 1 and 2 of *AP*, Power and Social Choice.

Week 2, Sept 11: Chapter 3 of *AP* (Franklin and the War of Independence)

Week 3, Sept 18 : Chapter 4 of *AP* (Madison Jefferson and Condorcet).

Week 4 ,Sept 25: Chapter 5 of *AP* (Lincoln and the Civil War).

Week 5 Oct 2: Chapter 6 of *AP* (Johnson and the realignment of 1964).

Week 6 : Oct 9 : Chapter 8 of *MD*. And The Transformation of the Republican and Democratic Coalitions in the United States* . (with Gary Miller).

Activists and Political Coalitions in the United States* . (with Gary Miller)

Part 2. Electoral Models.

Week 7 , Oct 16: Chapters 7 of MD.(Britain).

Week 8 , Oct 23: Chapter 4 of MD (Elections in Israel).

Week 9, Oct 30: Elections in Latin America.

A Model of Political Competition with Activists applied to elections in Argentina , 1985-1995.* (with Guido Cataife). *Mathematical Social Science*, 53(3) (May, 2007): 213-231.

Electoral Oscillations in Argentina: Suggestions on Modelling the Political Economy of Hegemon and Periphery.*(with Guido Cataife)

Part 3. . International Political Economy.

Week 10: Nov 6.Chapter 7 of AP (Keynes and the Atlantic Constitution).

In the remainder of the course we will consider some further topics in IPE.

Week 11: Nov 13. Adam Przeworski et al., *Democracy and Development* (CUP, 2000)

Week 12: Nov 20. Charles Kupchan, *The End of the American Era*

Week 13. Nov 27. Michael Mandelbaum, *The Ideas that conquered the World*.

(I have copies of all these books and will make them available to you)

Week 14. Dec 4. Seminar presentations and discussion