

Political Economy: Econ 3501

MW 2.30-4.00

Eliot 216

The first meeting will be on Wednesday August 30

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Syllabus

There will be two books used in the course:

Architects of Political Change: Constitutional Quandaries and Social Choice Theory
(called *AP*)

and

Multiparty Democracy: Elections and Legislative Politics
(called *MD*),

both with Cambridge UP in paperback.

A number of my related articles are available from my website in political science at
http://polisci.wustl.edu/sub_page.php?s=3&m=0&d=24

The course requirement will consist of two parts, each part is worth 50% of the final grade.

(i) Two essays, each about 8pp in length (each worth 25%). (With approval, a student may submit a single essay about 16pp, worth 50%).

(ii) Three quizzes, each one of which will count for 16.66%.

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

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

Chapter 7 will introduce the idea of the Atlantic Constitution and the creation of the post WWII international institutions, which will serve as an introduction to international political economy (if time permits)

Part 1.(9 lectures)

Week 1 Aug 30

Overview of course. Read Chapter 1 of *AP* for Sept. 6.

Week 2: Sept 6. Chapter 1 and start Chapter 2 of *AP*. .

Week 3: Sept .11. Finish Chapter 2 of *AP*.

Sept 13. Discussion class with TA.

Week 4: Sept. 18-20: Chapter 3 (Franklin and the War of Independence)

Week 5: Sept. 25-27. Chapter 4 of *AP* (Madison Jefferson and Condorcet)

Week 6: Oct 2. Chapter 5 of *AP* (Lincoln and the Civil War)

Oct-4 First Quiz.

Part 2.(7 lectures)

Week 7: Oct 9 and Oct 11 Chapter 6 of AP (Johnson and the realignment of 1964).

Week 8: Oct 16 Chapter 8 of MD.(Elections in the US.).

Oct 18. Chapter 7 of MD (Elections in Britain)

First Essay due October 23rd

Week 9: Oct 23 and 25. Chapter 4 of MD (Elections in Israel.)

Week 10. Oct 30 . Chapters 5 and 6 (Elections in Italy and the Netherlands)

Nov 1. Second Quiz.

Part 3.(7 lectures)

Week 11. Nov 6 and 8. Chapter 7 of AP (Keynes and the Atlantic Constitution)

Week 12. Nov. 13 and 15. Chapter 8 of AP (Preferences and Beliefs).

Week 13. Nov. 20 International Political Economy

Nov 22.No class.

Week 14 Nov 27 and 29. Final Discussion based on Chapter 9 of MD.

Week 15. Dec 4. Third Quiz.

Dec 6. Second Essay Due.

Week 16: Dec 11. Discussion of Quiz and Essay.

End of course.

Grades should be available December 13th.