

Critical Evaluation of New Research in Political Science (Academic Year 2017-2018)

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Course Overview:

This course is designed to complement the Political Science external speaker series. This course will meet roughly 3 times per semester outside of the scheduled speakers. The course will meet at the regular time of the series on weeks where no speaker is scheduled, at Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. This coming year we have 18 speakers lined up.

Course Material

There are no assigned books for this course. You will be expected to read the papers circulated before each speaker. In addition, there may be assigned readings for our additional meetings, which you are also responsible for.

Course Requirements, Policies, and Evaluation

Attendance and Participation (40%)

Attendance at all of the talks is mandatory. If you have to miss a talk or class session because of a conflict, or if you are sick, you are responsible for contacting me as soon as you know you will be unable to attend. If you have more than 2 unexcused absences, you are subject to a grade of “Unsatisfactory”. You will also be expected to participate in the question and answer section of the talks.

Additionally, you will be expected to meet with two speakers throughout the semester. This can be achieved through either attending the graduate student breakfast with the speaker Friday morning, or for those students with schedule conflicts, you can request a one on one or group meeting with the speaker. As a general rule, you should be attending these breakfasts, or taking opportunities to meet with speakers wherever possible. There is a lot to be achieved through making connections not just with people in your field, but in the discipline widely. Where your interests overlap with one of the speakers, you should definitely seek opportunities to meet and talk with them.

Discussant Duties (30%)

Twice each semester you will be responsible for acting as a discussant for the weekly talk. You will be able to choose which of the talks you’d like to discuss. The discussant each week will read the paper ahead of time and prepare comments that will be presented orally at the talk.

Response Papers (30%)

Each week students should submit a 1-2 page response paper to the paper/talk. In each response paper you should include at least one of the best features of the paper, one criticism and possible solution of the paper, and a comment on the presentation itself. These papers should be submitted to me electronically at aburibe@illinois.edu by noon the Monday after the talk.

Academic Honesty and Integrity

You are expected to conform to the university's policy on academic integrity (http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article1_part4_1-401.html). Any violations of this policy through consulting unauthorized sources, purchasing papers, plagiarism, etc. will be reported to the university and the student will receive a 0 for the assignment.

Students with Disabilities

If you require reasonable accommodations for this course, please contact Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) and let me know as soon as possible so that we can create an accommodation plan.

Emergency Response Information

Emergency response recommendations are attached at the end of this syllabus.

Class Schedule

Fall 2017

Date	Speaker or Meeting Topic
9/8	Introductory Meeting <i>Read:</i> Heinz Eulau. 1988. "Editor's Note," <i>Political Behavior</i> , 10(1), 1988 Chris Blattman. 2010. "The discussant's art"
9/22	John Patty (Formal Theory/American), University of Chicago and Maggie Penn (Formal Theory), University of Chicago
9/29	Jamie Carson (American Institutions), University of Georgia
10/6	Diana O'Brien (Comparative Politics), Indiana University
10/13	Class Meeting

10/20	Judith Kelley (International Relations), Duke University
10/27	Rachael Hinkle (American Institutions), SUNY Buffalo
11/3	Jacob Montgomery (American/Methods), Washington University in St. Louis
11/3	Erin Chung (Optional), sponsored by CEAPS
11/10	Phillip Chen (American Behavior), Beloit College
11/17	Class Meeting
12/1	Anibal Pérez-Liñán (Comparative Politics), University of Pittsburgh

Spring 2018

Date	Speaker or Meeting Topic
11/19	Will Reno (International Relations), Northwestern University
2/2	Tom Clark (American Institutions), Emory University
2/9	Class Meeting
2/23	Chris Fariss (International Relations/Methods), University of Michigan
3/2	Jazmin Sierra (International Relations), Notre Dame
3/9	Jan Pierskalla (Comparative Politics), Ohio State
3/16	Class Meeting
3/30	Helene Landemore (Political Theory), Yale
4/13	Ellie Powell (American Institutions), University of Wisconsin
4/20	Gwyneth McClendon (Comparative Politics), Harvard University
4/27	Evan Leiberman (Comparative Politics), MIT
5/4	Final Class Meeting

EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Homeland Security and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office of Campus Emergency Planning recommend the following three responses to any emergency on campus: **RUN > HIDE > FIGHT**

Only follow these actions if safe to do so. When in doubt, follow your instincts—you are your own best advocate!

RUN

Action taken to leave an area for personal safety.

- Take the time now to learn the different ways to leave your building **before** there is an emergency.
- Evacuations are mandatory for fire alarms and when directed by authorities. **No exceptions!**
- Evacuate immediately. Pull manual fire alarm to prompt a response for others to evacuate.
- Take critical personal items only (keys, purse, and outerwear) and close doors behind you.
- Assist those who need help, but carefully consider whether you may put yourself at risk.
- Look for **EXIT** signs indicating potential egress/escape routes.
- If you are not able to evacuate, go to an Area of Rescue Assistance.
- Evacuate to Evacuation Assembly Area and remain until additional instructions are given.
- Alert authorities to those who may need assistance.
- Do not re-enter building until informed by emergency response personnel that it is safe to return.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- If it is safe to do so run out of the building. Get as far away as possible. Do not go to the Evacuation Assembly Area.
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HIDE

Action taken to seek immediate shelter indoors when emergency conditions do not warrant or allow evacuation, such as for severe weather.

- Take the time now to learn the different ways to seek shelter within your building **before** there is an emergency.
- If you are outside, proceed to the nearest protective building.
- If sheltering-in-place due to severe weather, proceed to the identified Storm Refuge Area or to the lowest, most interior area of the building away from windows or hazardous equipment or materials.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- Lock or barricade your area.
 - Get to a place where the threat cannot see you.
 - Place cell phones on **silent**.
 - Do not make any noise.
 - Do not come out until you receive an Illini-Alert advising you it is safe.
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FIGHT

Action taken as a last resort to increase your odds for survival.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- If you cannot run away safely or cannot hide, **be prepared to fight with anything available to increase your odds for survival.**
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