

Introduction to Political Science

Lecturer

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Course mnemonic

POLI-D107

ECTS credits

5 credits

Language(s) of instruction

English

Course period

First term

Course content

1. Introduction. History of political science 2. Methods of political science 3. State and state structures 4. Political regimes: democracy 5. Political regimes: autocracy 6. Political regimes: transitions 7. Government and Legislatures 8. Electoral systems 9. Elections and referenda 10. Political parties 11. Party systems 12. Political participation and Q/A session

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

The course provide an introduction to the traditional topics covered in political science, from methods to political regimes, from political parties to elections, electoral systems and political participation

Teaching method and learning activities

1. A manual: Comparative Politics (2017), D. Caramani, Oxford University Press 2. A book for review (depending on the exam session): - January session: Steven Levitsky, and Daniel Ziblatt (2018) How Democracies Die. Crown. - May and August sessions: Dahl, Robert (2000) On Democracy. New Haven: Yale University Press 3. A book for the written exam (of your

choice) - Levitsky, Steven, and Way, Lucan (2010) Competitive Authoritarianism. Hybrid Regimes After the Cold War. Cambridge: Cambridge university Press. - Mainwaring, Scott, and Pérez Liñán, Aníbal (2014) Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America: Emergence, Survival, and Fall. Cambridge: Cambridge university Press.

Other information

Contact(s)

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)

- Book review -Written exam (4 questions. 3 questions on the content of the course and 1 question based on a complementary reading (a book))

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

- Book review: 5 points -Written exam: 20 points (4 questions of 5 points each) The final mark is calculated through a simple proportion. Ex: 25 becomes 20 $(25/5) \times 4 = 20$

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences

BA-POLI | Bachelor in Political Sciences : General | unit 1