

**Department of Political Science
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Political Science 516 (A01) (22591) and 616 (A01) (22602)

Canadian Politics

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Course Description

Welcome to POLI 516 and 616—the field seminar for graduate students in Canadian Politics. The purpose of this course is to meet weekly as a group to explore and discuss some of the most important literature in the field. Although populated with some dusty classics, our reading list samples a variety of perspectives and approaches.

The seminar will meet weekly, and will often begin with a presentation from one of the seminar participants (see details on presentations below). Participants (see details on participation below) are expected to read all of the mandatory sources (these are bulleted) for each week in question. Doctoral students are expected to read at least some of the additional readings listed for each week, and Masters students are strongly encouraged to do so.

All of the mandatory readings are available electronically via the UVic McPherson Library online catalogue system; you will be prompted for your Netlink ID and password. In some cases, the links provided do not navigate directly to the reading; you will have to do some additional navigating after clicking on the link provided in the syllabus.

Many of the additional readings are also available electronically via the library, the publisher's website, or google books. If the reading in question is a journal article, it will almost certainly be available via the UVic system. Even some books are now available as e-books via the library. Of course, and this is particularly true when it comes to classics, you should expect to enjoy the analogue-era satisfaction of tracking down hard copies in the library stacks as well.

Assessment

Article reports	20%
Participation	either 10% or 20% (the higher of your participation and presentation grades will count for 20% and the lower at 10%)
Presentation	either 10% or 20% (see above)
Essay	50%

For information on **grading standards** in graduate studies at UVic, see here: <https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-01/grad/academic-regulations/grading.html>.

Seminar participants must submit six **one-page reports** over the term. Each report will *explain* (not criticize or expand on) the argument of one of the readings assigned during the week in which the report is submitted (which of the weekly assigned readings is your choice). Please explain in your own words rather than using close paraphrases or quotations. Reports are due weekly in class at the beginning of class. Late reports will not be accepted. You must produce 6 reports over the course of the term, and these reports will count collectively for 20% of your grade.

Students will be assessed for their **participation** in class discussions over the course of the term. Although consistent participation is expected, student participation will be judged primarily for its quality—particularly in terms of whether that participation is intellectually helpful, as opposed to the sheer frequency of its occurrence. Being well-prepared for class is of course the crucial foundation of good participation.

Each seminar participant must give a 15-20 minute **presentation** during the term. This will involve addressing both the required readings and a very convincing selection of the additional readings for the topic in question. The presenter will be expected first to introduce the other participants to the topic by noting the various foci and preoccupations of the readings. The presenter will then explain (and not merely state) to the group his or her assessment of the merits and shortcomings of the body of literature in question.

The **essay** component of the course is open to a wide variety of topics and approaches. The only formal restriction concerning content is that the essay must focus in a convincing and intellectually sophisticated manner on some aspect of Canadian politics. Students are encouraged to orient their essays towards one of the topics covered in the syllabus, in order that the essay might benefit from the author's fresh familiarity with some key relevant secondary material.

Students must submit a two to three-page **outline** of their paper topic plus a bibliography of at least one additional page no later than 12 February. Failure to produce an outline by that date will result in the essay being penalized in the amount of 10%.

Essays are **due** in class on 2 April. MA students should write an essay of approximately 20-25 pages (double-spaced, 12-point font) in length; PhD students should write essays of around 25-30 pages.

Academic Integrity

For information on UVic's policy on offences against academic integrity (which include not only plagiarism but also multiple submission), please see here:

<https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-01/grad/academic-regulations/academic-integrity.html>.

Course Experience Survey

Towards the end of this course, you will be asked by the University to complete a survey about this course and your instructor's role and performance in it. You will need your Netlink ID to complete the survey. I urge you to complete the survey; your feedback is very important, both to me and the University.

Syllabus

Week 1 (J 8) Introductory Gathering

Week 2 (J 15) Methods and Approaches

Mandatory Reading

- * Robert Vipond, "Introduction: The Comparative Turn in Canadian Political Science," in Linda A. White et al., ed., *The Comparative in Canadian Political Science* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2008)
<https://www.ubcpress.ca/asset/9301/1/9780774814270.pdf> (paste link into your browser)
- Alain Noël, "Studying Your Own Country: Social Scientific Knowledge for Our Times and Places," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 47:4 (2014): 647-666
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/docview/1672106180/fulltextPDF/AE3CFC832E78429APQ/1?accountid=14846>
- * Nisha Nath, "Defining Narratives of Identity in Canadian Political Science: Accounting for the Absence of Race," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44:1 (2011): 161-193
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/docview/859435532/fulltextPDF/4C69B221B6AC483BPQ/1?accountid=14846>

Additional Reading

- * Alan C. Cairns, "Political Science in Canada and the Americanization Issue," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 8:2 (1975): 191-234
- Luc Turgeon, et al., ed., *Comparing Canada: Methods and Perspectives on Canadian Politics* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2014)
- André Lecours, ed., *New Institutionalism: Theory and Analysis* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2005)

- Tom Flanagan, *Game Theory and Canadian Politics* (Toronto: U of T Press, 1998)
- Alan C. Cairns, "Alternative Styles in the Study of Canadian Politics," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 7:1 (1974): 101-128
- * Miriam Smith, "Diversity and Canadian Political Development," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 42:4 (2009): 831-854

Week 3 (J 22)

Political Culture

Mandatory Reading

- * Gad Horowitz, "Conservatism, Liberalism, and Socialism in Canada: An Interpretation," *Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science* 32 (1966): 143-171 http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/stable/139794?pq-origsite=summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents
- H.D. Forbes, "Hartz-Horowitz at Twenty: Nationalism, Toryism, and Socialism in Canada and the United States," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 20:2 (1987): 287-315
<http://journals.cambridge.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/action/displayFulltext?type=1&pdfType=1&fid=6400580&jid=CJP&volumeId=20&issueId=02&aid=6400572>
- Ailsa Henderson, "Regional Political Cultures in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 37:3 (2004): 595-615
http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/stable/25165693?pq-origsite=summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents
- Colin Campbell, "On Intellectual Life, Politics, and Psychoanalysis: A Conversation with Gad Horowitz," *C-theory* a135, 10/29/2003, <http://www.ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=397>

Additional Reading

- Ian Angus, "Hermeneutic Continuity or Sovereign Performative? The Difference between Canadian and American Political Cultures Revisited," in Karl Froshauer, Nadine Fabbi, and Susan Pell, ed., *Convergence and Divergence in North America: Canada and the United States* (Vancouver: SFU Centre for Canadian Studies, 2006)
- Ailsa Henderson, *Nunavut: Rethinking Political Culture* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007)
- * Neil Nevitte, *The Decline of Deference: Canadian Value Change in Cross-National Perspective* (Toronto: U of T Press, 1996)
- * André Siegfried, *The Race Question in Canada* (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1966)
- * Nelson Wiseman, *In Search of Canadian Political Culture* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007)

Week 4 (J 29)

Federalism

Mandatory Reading

- * Alan C. Cairns, “The Governments and Societies of Canadian Federalism,” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 10 (1977): 695-725
<http://journals.cambridge.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=6402776&fileId=S0008423900050861>
- * Kathryn Harrison, *Passing the Buck: Federalism and Canadian Environmental Policy* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1996) <https://www-deslibris-ca.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/ID/404325>
- Michael McCrossan and Kiera Ladner, “Eliminating Indigenous Jurisdictions: Federalism, the Supreme Court of Canada, and Territorial Rationalities of Power,” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 49:3 (2016): 411-431
<https://www-cambridge-org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/DC044B854E88FA499ABE3EA015B4C5C7/S0008423916000822a.pdf/div-class-title-eliminating-indigenous-jurisdictions-federalism-the-supreme-court-of-canada-and-territorial-rationalities-of-power-div.pdf>

Additional Reading

- Alain-G. Gagnon, *Contemporary Canadian Federalism: Foundations, Traditions, Institutions* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009)
- Melissa Haussman, Marian Sawyer, and Jill Vickers, ed., *Federalism, Feminism, and Multilevel Governance* (Farnham UK: Ashgate, 2010)
- * Richard Simeon, *Political Science and Federalism: Seven Decades of Scholarly Engagement* (Kingston: Queen’s IIGR, 2002)
- * Pierre Trudeau, *Federalism and the French Canadians* (Toronto: Macmillan, 1968)
- * Richard Simeon and Ian Robinson, *State, Society, and the Development of Canadian Federalism* (Toronto: U of T Press, 1990)
- * Alain-G. Gagnon and James Tully, *Multinational Democracies* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2000)
- Gregory J. Inwood, Carolyn M. Johns, and Patricia L. O’Reilly, *Intergovernmental Policy Capacity in Canada: Inside the Worlds of Finance, Environment, Trade, and Health* (Montreal: MQUP, 2011)

Week 5 (F 5)

The Charter and the Courts

Mandatory Reading

- Joel Bakan, *Just Words: Constitutional Rights and Social Wrongs* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1997), chap. 2, “Constitutional Interpretation and the Legitimacy of Judicial Review”
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/uvic/detail.action?docID=4671653>

- F.L. Morton, "The Charter Revolution and the Court Party," *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 30 (1992): 627-652
<http://heinonline.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/ohlj30&collection=journals&page=627>
- * Miriam Smith, "Ghosts of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: Group Politics and Charter Litigation in Canadian Political Science," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 35 (2002): 3-42
http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/stable/3233166?pq-origsite=summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

Additional Reading

- * Alan C. Cairns, "The Judicial Committee and its Critics," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 4 (1971): 301-345
- Andrew Petter, *The Politics of the Charter: The Illusive Promise of Constitutional Rights* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2010)
- * Peter Hogg and Allison Bushell, "The Charter Dialogue between Courts and Legislatures (or perhaps the Charter of Rights isn't such a bad thing after all)," *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 35:1 (1997): 75-124
- Christopher Manfredi, *Judicial Power and the Charter: Canada and the Paradox of Liberal Constitutionalism*, 2d ed. (Don Mills: Oxford UP, 2001)
- * Peter H. Russell, "Overcoming Legal Formalism: The Treatment of the Constitution, the Courts, and Judicial Behaviour in Canadian Political Science," *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* 1 (1986): 5-34

Week 6 (F 12) The Constitution and Constitutional Politics (outlines due)

Mandatory Reading

- Alan C. Cairns, "The Charter and the Constitution Act, 1982," in *Charter versus Federalism: The Dilemmas of Constitutional Reform* (Montreal: MQUP, 1992)
<https://www-deslibris-ca.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/ID/400963>
- James Tully, "Diversity's Gambit Declined," in *Constitutional Predicament: Canada after the Referendum of 1992*, ed. Curtis Cook (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1994) <https://www-deslibris-ca.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/ID/400682> (click on chapter 6, "Diversity's Gambit Declined")
- * Peter H. Russell, *Constitutional Odyssey: Can Canadians Become a Sovereign People?* 2d ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1993) <https://www-deslibris-ca.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/ID/420786>

Additional Reading

- * Peter Aucoin, Lori Turnbull, and Mark Jarvis, *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2011)

- * Guy Laforest, *Trudeau and the End of a Canadian Dream* (Montreal: MQUP, 1995)
- * John Borrows, *Canada's Indigenous Constitution* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2010)
- * Alan C. Cairns, *Reconfigurations: Canadian Citizenship and Constitutional Change* (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1995)
- * Alexandra Dobrowolsky, *The Politics of Pragmatism: Women, Representation, and Constitutionalism in Canada* (Don Mills: Oxford UP, 2000)
- Supreme Court of Canada, *Reference re the Secession of Quebec* <https://scc-csc.lexum.com/scc-csc/scc-csc/en/item/1643/index.do>
- James Tully, *Strange Multiplicity: Constitutionalism in an Age of Diversity* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1995)
- Matt James, *Misrecognized Materialists: Social Movements in Canadian Constitutional Politics* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2006)

Week 7 (F19)

Reading Week

Week 8 (F 26)

Social Movements

Mandatory Reading

- Michael Orsini and Miriam Smith, "Social Movements, Knowledge, and Public Policy: The Case of Autism Activism in Canada and the U.S.," *Critical Policy Studies* 4:1 (2010): 38-57 <http://www-tandfonline-com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/doi/abs/10.1080/19460171003714989#.Vd5ML854hQo>
- Warren Magnusson and Rob Walker, "De-centring the State: Political Theory and Canadian Political Economy," *Studies in Political Economy* 26 (1988): 37-71 <https://www-tandfonline-com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/doi/pdf/10.1080/19187033.1988.11675541>
- Nicole S. Bernhardt and Laura G. Pin, "Engaging with Identity Politics in Canadian Political Science," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 51:4 (2018): 771-794 https://www-cambridge-org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/AA702BED1E5503B7C540EC3CE0E86EDA/S0008423918000318a.pdf/engaging_with_identity_politics_in_canadian_political_science.pdf

Additional Reading

- * Michael Orsini, "The Politics of Naming, Blaming, and Claiming: HIV, Hepatitis C, and the Emergence of Blood Activism in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 35:3 (2002): 475-498
- * Miriam Smith, *A Civil Society? Collective Actors in Canadian Political Life* (Peterborough: Broadview, 2005)
- William Carroll, ed., *Organizing Dissent: Contemporary Social Movements in Theory and Practice* (Toronto: Garamond, 1997)

- * Miriam Smith, ed., *Group Politics and Social Movements in Canada*, 2d ed. (Toronto: U of T Press, 2014)
- * Leslie A. Pal, *Interests of State: The Politics of Language, Multiculturalism, and Feminism in Canada* (Montreal and Kingston: MQUP, 1993)
- * Brodie, Ian, and Neil Nevitte. "Evaluating the Citizens' Constitution Theory." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 2 (1993): 234-259. Also see Alan Cairns response

Week 9 (M 5)

Indigenous Politics

Mandatory Reading

- Audra Simpson, *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life Across the Borders of Settler States* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2014)
<http://read.dukeupress.edu.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/content/mohawk-interruptus>
- * Glen Coulthard, *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition* (Minneapolis: UMP, 2014)
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/uvic/detail.action?docID=1793913>

Additional Reading

- * Michael Asch, *On Being Here to Stay: Treaties and Aboriginal Rights in Canada* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2014)
- * Stephanie Irlbacher-Fox, *Finding Dahshaa: Self-Government, Social Suffering, and Aboriginal Policy in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009)
- Taiaiake Alfred and Jeff Corntassel, "Being Indigenous: Resurgences against Contemporary Colonialism," *Government and Opposition* 40:4 (2005): 597-614
- * Alan C. Cairns, *Citizens Plus: Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000)
- * Taiaiake Alfred, *Wasa 'se: Indigenous Pathways of Freedom and Action* (Peterborough: Broadview, 2005)
- * Annis May Timpson, ed., *First Nations, First Thoughts: The Impact of Indigenous Thought in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009)
- Thomas Flanagan, *First Nations? Second Thoughts* (Montreal: MQUP, 2008)
- Joyce Green, ed., *Making Space for Indigenous Feminism* (Halifax: Fernwood, 2007)

Week 10 (M 12)

Political Economy

Mandatory Reading

- * Jane Jenson, "Representations in Crisis: The Roots of Canada's Permeable Fordism," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 23:4 (1990): 653-684
https://www.cambridge-org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/A37143C68A3A6609784EE7D557311D11/S0008423900020795a.pdf/representations_in_crisis_the_roots_of_canadas_permeable_fordism.pdf

- Jerome Klassen, "Canada and the New Imperialism: The Economics of a Secondary Power," *Studies in Political Economy* 83 (2009): 163-190
<https://www-tandfonline-com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/doi/pdf/10.1080/19187033.2009.11675060>
- * Harold Innis, "The Importance of Staple Products in Canadian Development," in his *Staples, Markets, and Economic Change*, ed. Daniel Drache (Montreal and Kingston: MQUP, 1995) <https://www-deslibris-ca.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/ID/400481>

Additional Reading

- * Harold Innis, *The Fur Trade in Canada: An Introduction to Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: U of T Press, 1956)
- * H.G.J. Aitken, "Defensive Expansionism: The State and Economic Growth in Canada," in *Approaches to Canadian Economic History: A Collection of Essays*, ed. W.T. Easterbrook and M.H. Watkins (Ottawa: Carleton UP, 1984)
- Janine Brodie, *The Political Economy of Canadian Regionalism* (Toronto: Harcourt Brace, 1990)
- Wallace Clement and Leah F. Vosko, ed., *Changing Canada: Political Economy as Transformation* (Montreal: MQUP, 2003)
- * Larry Pratt and John Richards, *Prairie Capitalism: Power and Influence in the New West* (Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1979)
- Leah F. Vosko, *Temporary Work: The Gendered Rise of a Precarious Employment Relationship* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2000)
- * Wallace Clement and Glen Williams, ed., *The New Canadian Political Economy* (Montreal and Kingston: MQUP 1989)

Week 11 (M 19)

Women and Gender in Canadian Politics

Mandatory Reading

- Joyce Green, "Canaries in the Mines of Citizenship: Indian Women in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 34:4 (2001): 715-738
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/docview/204600429/fulltextPDF?accountid=14846>
- Nisha Nath, Ethel Tungohan, and Megan Gaucher, "The Future of Canadian Political Science: Boundary Transgressions, Gender, and Anti-Oppression Frameworks," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 51:3 (2018): 619-642
https://www-cambridge-org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/core/services/aop-cambridge-core/content/view/FC347374E47206B6E4FCA36C52C687ED/S0008423918000197a.pdf/future_of_canadian_political_science_boundary_transgressions_gender_and_antioppression_frameworks.pdf
- Janine Brodie, "We Are All Equal Now: Contemporary Gender Politics in Canada," *Feminist Theory* 9:2 (2008): 145-164
<http://journals.sagepub.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/doi/pdf/10.1177/1464700108090408>

Additional Reading

- Linda Trimble, Jane Arscott, and Manon Tremblay, ed., *Stalled: The Representation of Women in Canadian Governments* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2013)
- Sylvia Bashevkin, ed., *Opening Doors Wider: Women's Political Engagement in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009)
- Kate Bezanson and Meg Luxton, ed., *Social Reproduction: Feminist Political Economy Challenges Neoliberalism* (Montreal: MQUP, 2006)
- * Sylvia Bashevkin, *Toeing the Lines: Women and Party Politics in English Canada* (Toronto: Oxford UP, 1993)
- Ann Porter, *Gendered States: Women, Unemployment Insurance, and the Political Economy of the Welfare State in Canada* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2003)
- * Alexandra Dobrowolsky, ed., *Women and Public Policy in Canada: Neoliberalism and After?* (Don Mills: Oxford UP, 2009)

Week 12 (A 2)

The Politics of Racism and Multiculturalism in Canada (essays due)

Mandatory Readings

- * Debra Thompson, "Is Race Political?," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 41:3 (2008): 525-547
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/docview/204601408?pq-origsite=summon&accountid=14846>
- * Rita Dhamoon and Yasmeen Abu-Laban, "Dangerous (Internal) Foreigners and Nation-Building: The Case of Canada," *International Political Science Review* 30:2 (2009): 163-183
http://www.jstor.org.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/stable/25652897?pq-origsite=summon&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents
- Antoine Bilodeau, Luc Turgeon, Stephen A. White, and Ailsa Henderson, "Seeing the Same Canada? Visible Minorities' Views of the Federation," *Institute for Research in Public Policy Study* 56 (2015)
<http://search.proquest.com.ezproxy.library.uvic.ca/docview/1822923153/fulltextPDF/8B435BEB2FC4FAFPQ/1?accountid=14846>

Additional Reading

- Yasmeen Abu-Laban, "Diversity in Canadian Politics," in James Bickerton and Alain-G. Gagnon, ed., *Canadian Politics*, 6th ed. (Toronto: U of T Press, 2014)
- * Yasmeen Abu-Laban and Christina Gabriel, *Selling Diversity: Immigration, Multiculturalism, Employment Equity, and Globalization* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2002)

- * Alan C. Cairns, "Ethnicity, Political Science, and the Constitution," in *Federalism and Political Community*, ed. David Shugarman and Reg Whitaker (Peterborough: Broadview, 1989)
- * Richard Day, *Multiculturalism and the History of Canadian Diversity* (Toronto: U of T Press, 2000)
- Irene Bloemraad, *Becoming a Citizen: Incorporating Immigrants and Refugees in the United States and Canada* (Berkeley: UCP, 2006)
- Keith Banting, Thomas J. Courchene, and F. Leslie Seidle, ed., *Belonging? Diversity, Recognition, and Shared Citizenship in Canada* (Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, 2007)
- * Will Kymlicka, *Finding Our Way: Rethinking Ethnocultural Relations in Canada* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 1998)
- Rita Kaur Dhamoon and Olena Hankivsky, "Which Genocide Matters the Most? An Intersectionality Analysis of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 46:4 (2013): 899-920