

Seminar in Political Behavior

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1 2025 Fall Schedule

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Further Readings: Recent Research Articles

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2.6 W13 - Concluding Thoughts

²Note that this one is a review article, NOT a research article. This article could serve as a great starting point for everyone who want to understand or study affective polarization.

3 Some Helpful Resources

- Basics in Quantitative Reasoning
 - Llaudet, Elena, and Kosuke Imai. 2023. *Data Analysis for Social Science: A Friendly and Practical Introduction*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Basics in Research Design, and an Overview of a Wide Array of Quantitative Methods (Both Observational and Experimental)
 - Blair, Graeme, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. 2023. *Research Design in the Social Sciences: Declaration, Diagnosis, and Redesign*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [LINK]
- Causal Inference
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4 Acknowledgement

This list of reading materials is composed of much interesting journal articles. It is impossible to find this significant amount of intriguing journal articles on my own. In other words, I refer to several professors' syllabi. The courses and professors I refer to are:

- POL SCI 191D (Undergraduate) - Parties and Voting Behavior in Western Democracies (Prof. Jonathan Homola, UCLA)
- POL SCI 259 (Graduate) - Representation in Western Democracies (Prof. Jonathan Homola, UCLA)
- POL SCI 170A (Undergraduate) - Statistical Analysis of Political Data (Prof. Michelle Torres, UCLA)
- POL SCI 268 (Graduate) - The Political Economy of Interest Groups [LINK] (Prof. Julia Payson, UCLA)
- EU4B1 (MSc level) - Political Elites, Leadership, and Decision-Making [LINK] (Prof. Miguel Maria Pereira, LSE)

If you are interested in the syllabi for UCLA POL SCI 170A, 191D, and 259, feel free to make a request.

Some professors at prestigious institutions post their syllabi on their personal websites. If you have an interest in a certain topic while not having a specific research idea, the materials in these professors' syllabi can be a great source for your inspiration. These are some examples:

- David Broockman at UC Berkeley (AP - Political Behavior) [LINK]
- Yiqing Xu at Stanford (PolMeth - Quantitative Methods, CP - Politics in China) [LINK]
- Jens Hainmueller at Stanford (PolMeth - Quantitative Methods) [LINK]
- Maya Sen at Harvard (AP - Judicial Politics, Racial and Ethnic Politics) [LINK]
- Ben Ansell at Oxford (PolMeth - Formal Theory, CP & IR - Political Economy) [LINK]
- Brendan Nyhan at Dartmouth (AP - Political Communication, PolMeth - Experimental Methods) [LINK]
- Eric Min at UCLA (IR - Conflict, Strategy, Negotiation) [LINK]
- Graeme Blair at UCLA (CP - Political Violence, PolMeth - Experimental Methods)
- Andrew Guess at Princeton (AP - Media and Politics) [LINK]
- Jonathan Mummolo at Princeton (AP - Politics of Bureaucrats (mostly about police), Public Policy) [LINK]
- James Druckman at Northwestern (PolMeth - Experimental Methods) [LINK]

Note that:

- AP - American Politics
- CP - Comparative Politics
- IR - International Relations
- PolMeth - Political Methodology (mostly quantitative and formal theory)