

Seminar in Comparative Elections
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This graduate-level seminar examines the interaction between voters and political agents across different political institutions and contextual factors. Students will read and discuss classic readings and recent studies on a non-exhaustive list of topics related to elections. The scope of these readings will cover analytical and empirical models, which require familiarity with statistics (OLS) and research design. The goals for this course are four: (1) to understand the basic theoretical questions and arguments in the study of elections, (2) to be familiar with important recent studies and cutting-edge research methods used in the study of elections, (3) to evaluate existing research on the topic, and (4) to create a space for students to come with a solid research idea for their professional career.

The course is divided into four sections. The first part reviews the main theories of electoral accountability and representation. The second part of the course is a survey of electoral institutions, focusing on the different consequences of the electoral rules. The third part of the course examines several approaches to voting behavior. The final part of the course covers several issues regarding elections in developing democracies.

Requirements

Participation (20%): Each student is expected to attend each class, do the reading thoroughly and in advance, and contribute actively to our discussion. You should be prepared to be called on to describe and discuss the assigned material. Your goal should be to attend class prepared to summarize the main argument of the reading as well as to review its approach, argument, and evidence. To do so, you may need to read some items more than once.¹

You must attend at least 12 of the 14 sessions. Email me ahead of time if you need an excused absence.

Presentation (5%): You will prepare and deliver a conference-like presentation about one of the assigned articles during the semester. I will provide more details about this activity during the first session.

Referee Reports (3×10%=30%): Students should pick three sessions to write a 2-3 page referee report, each focusing on an article listed under *Study* in the syllabus for a given week. These reports require discussing any shortcomings of the reading and proposing realistic and constructive ways to improve the article. Each report should summarize the main argument of the reading in the first paragraph. The rest of the report must thoroughly explain the main problems in logic or evidence of the reading. Check the folder in Blackboard with a few examples of referee reports.²

Referee reports will be submitted at the beginning of class. A student can only submit one paper per session and cannot submit a report in consecutive weeks.

¹For more guidance on how to prepare yourself for the seminar, see <http://macartan.nyc/teaching/how-to-read/> (Hat tip to Miriam Golden (https://www.miriamgolden.com/_files/ugd/02c1bf_665009b2297f4219871bdcff7347f8f6.pdf))

²For more information on how to write a peer-review, please check Miller, B., et. al. "How To Be a Peer Reviewer: A Guide for Recent and Soon-to-be PhDs " *PS: Political Science & Politics* 46(1), 120-123.

Final Evaluation (45%): By week 5 of the semester, students need to decide one of the two available ways to be evaluated in the class.

- *Alternative A: Annotated bibliography and take-home exam.* At the end of the semester, students will deliver an annotated bibliography together with a take-home exam. For the annotated bibliography, students must choose one of the topics listed in the syllabus. They should provide critical appraisals of at least 10 articles listed under *Recommended* or *Background*. Annotated bibliographies are not lists of sources and abstracts. Instead, they provide critical assessments of the sources selected.³

Along with the annotated bibliography, students will sit an 8-hour take-home exam. It will ask you to synthesize ideas based on the material for the class. Students will choose one question from a topic other than the one selected for the annotated bibliography. Both the annotated bibliography and take-home exam will be due on May 5.

- *Alternative B: Research Proposal.* Alternatively, students will submit a 15-page (excluding bibliography) research proposal on an original idea around the study of the elections. This assignment aims to provide you an opportunity to work on a project that can serve you as a dissertation chapter or a further publication. The proposal should contain a brief literature survey on the theme and then describe a theoretical argument and a research design to test it. We will devote time throughout the semester to discuss the different steps involved in developing a research paper. Observe that rather than offering any empirical results, you should focus on delivering an original idea and a clean and feasible research design that you can work on your own after the end of the course.⁴

The assignment will have the following milestones. You should have an approved research topic by February 15. There will be a 5-minute presentation of your research question and preliminary research design on March 10. The final version of the manuscript is due on May 11 at noon.

Course Policies

Electronic devices: I encourage you to bring written notes to class summarizing the assigned reading. I also ask you to consider taking hand-notes during the seminar. There is evidence about the detrimental effects of laptops on students' performance in class.⁵ Moreover, the use of electronic devices for activities other than class related is a very distracting behavior to others students around and myself. If you feel that your learning will be hampered by not having access to your laptop for note-taking or other legitimate purposes, please speak to me.

Communication: Email notifications related to this course will be sent to your UH email account.⁶

Deadlines and Extensions: Assignments submitted after the deadline will get a 10% penalty and another 10% for every additional 24-hour delay.

Academic Integrity: High ethical standards are critical to the integrity of any institution, and bear directly on the ultimate value of conferred degrees. All UH community members are expected to

³For more information on how to write an annotated bibliography, see <http://advice.writing.utoronto.ca/types-of-writing/annotated-bibliography/> and <https://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography>.

⁴For more information on how to write a research proposal, see <https://www.eui.eu/documents/departmentscentres/sps/profiles/schmitter/idealresearchproposal.pdf> and https://dash.harvard.edu/bitstream/handle/1/11041649/WritingTips_0720.pdf?sequence=5&isAllowed=y (until section VI).

⁵See, for example, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/05/16/why-smart-kids-shouldnt-use-laptops-in-class/> and <http://thechronicleofeducation.com/2017/04/06/using-laptops-class-harms-academic-performance-study-warns/>

⁶<https://uh.edu/infotech/services/accounts/email/>

contribute to an atmosphere of the highest possible ethical standards. Maintaining such an atmosphere requires that any instances of academic dishonesty be recognized and addressed. The UH Academic Honesty Policy is designed to handle those instances with fairness to all parties involved: the students, the instructors, and the University itself.⁷ All students and faculty of the University of Houston are responsible for being familiar with this policy.

Excused Absence Policy: Regular class attendance, participation, and engagement in coursework are important contributors to student success. Absences may be excused as provided in the University of Houston Graduate Excused Absence Policy for reasons including: medical illness of student or close relative, death of a close family member, legal or government proceeding that a student is obligated to attend, recognized professional and educational activities where the student is presenting, and University-sponsored activity or athletic competition.⁸ Under these policies, students with excused absences will be provided with an opportunity to make up any quiz, exam or other work that contributes to the course grade or a satisfactory alternative. Please read the full policy for details regarding reasons for excused absences, the approval process, and extended absences. Additional policies address absences related to military service, religious holy days, pregnancy and related conditions, and disability.

COVID-19 Information: Students are encouraged to visit the University's COVID-19 website for important information including diagnosis and symptom protocols, testing, vaccine information, and post-exposure guidance. Please check the website throughout the semester for updates. Consult the Graduate Excused Absence Policy for information regarding excused absences due to medical reasons.⁹

Reasonable Academic Adjustments/Auxiliary Aids: The University of Houston complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, pertaining to the provision of reasonable academic adjustments/auxiliary aids for disabled students. In accordance with Section 504 and ADA guidelines, UH strives to provide reasonable academic adjustments/auxiliary aids to students who request and require them. If you believe that you have a disability requiring an academic adjustments/auxiliary aid, please contact the Justin Dart Jr. Student Accessibility Center (formerly the Justin Dart, Jr. Center for Students with DisABILITIES).¹⁰

Counseling and Psychological Services: Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can help students who are having difficulties managing stress, adjusting to college, or feeling sad and hopeless. You can reach CAPS (www.uh.edu/caps) by calling 713-743-5454 during and after business hours for routine appointments or if you or someone you know is in crisis. No appointment is necessary for the "Let's Talk" program, a drop-in consultation service at convenient locations and hours around campus.¹¹

Title IX/Sexual Misconduct: In accordance with the UHS Sexual Misconduct Policy, your instructor is a "responsible employee" for reporting purposes under Title IX regulations and state law and must report incidents of sexual misconduct (sexual harassment, non-consensual sexual contact, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, intimate partner violence, or stalking) about which they become aware to the Title IX office.¹² Please know there are places on campus where you can make a report in confidence.

Recording of Class: Students may not record all or part of class, livestream all or part of class, or

⁷<https://uh.edu/provost/policies-resources/honesty/>

⁸<http://publications.uh.edu/content.php?catoid=45&navoid=16576>

⁹<http://publications.uh.edu/content.php?catoid=45&navoid=16576>

¹⁰<https://uh.edu/accessibility/>

¹¹http://www.uh.edu/caps/outreach/lets_talk.html

¹²<https://uh.edu/equal-opportunity/title-ix-sexual-misconduct/resources/>

make/distribute screen captures, without advanced written consent of the instructor. If you have or think you may have a disability such that you need to record class-related activities, please contact the Justin Dart, Jr. Student Accessibility Center.¹³ If you have an accommodation to record class-related activities, those recordings may not be shared with any other student, whether in this course or not, or with any other person or on any other platform. Classes may be recorded by the instructor. Students may use instructor's recordings for their own studying and note-taking. Instructor's recordings are not authorized to be shared with anyone without the prior written approval of the instructor. Failure to comply with requirements regarding recordings will result in a disciplinary referral to the Dean of Students Office and may result in disciplinary action.

Syllabus Changes: Due to the changing nature of the ongoing pandemic, please note that the instructor may need to make modifications to the course syllabus and may do so at any time.

Course Materials

All the published articles are available online, and other material will be available via Blackboard. We will read most of the books listed below, so I suggest that you purchase them.

Przeworski, A. (2018). *Why Bother with Elections?* Polity.

Shugart, M. S. and Taagepera, R. (2017). *Votes from Seats*. Cambridge University Press.

The course requires a basic knowledge on econometrics and research design that (unfortunately) this graduate program does not provide. I encourage you to purchase either of the following books as a companion for the course:

Angrist, J. D. and Pischke, J.-S. (2014). *Mastering 'Metrics: The Path from Cause to Effect*. Princeton University Press.

Bueno de Mesquita, E. and Fowler, A. (2021). *Thinking Clearly with Data*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

Items under *Read* are general introductions and seminal readings of the weekly topic. Items under *Study* and cutting-edge research touching on very recent extensions in the field. **Both types of readings are required for the seminar.** *Recommended* readings include articles referred to in class and other recent articles available to expand your knowledge on the topic. *Background* readings contain some seminal and related pieces on the topic.

I. Introduction

January 18. Seminar Motivation and Logistics

Read:

Przeworski, A. (2018). *Why Bother with Elections?* Polity. Chapters 1-5.

Shepsle, K. A. (2010). *Analyzing Politics*. W.W. Norton & Co. Chapter 4.

Riker, W. H. (1982a). *Liberalism Against Populism*. Waveland Press. Chapter 1.

Borges, J. L. (1975). On exactitude in science. In *A Universal History of Infamy*. Penguin Books, London

¹³<https://uh.edu/accessibility/>

January 25. Electoral Accountability and Representation

Read:

Pitkin, H. F. (1967). *The Concept of Representation*. University of California Press, Berkeley. Chapters 3-6.

Przeworski, A., Stokes, S., and Manin, B. (1999). Introduction. In *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*. Cambridge University Press, New York. Introduction and Chapters 1.

Study:

Carnes, N. and Lupu, N. (2015). Rethinking the comparative perspective on class and representation: Evidence from Latin America. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(1):1-18

Carreri, M. (2021). Can good politicians compensate for bad institutions? Evidence from an original survey of Italian mayors. *Journal of Politics*, 83(4):1229-1245

Recommended:

Przeworski, A. (2018). *Why Bother with Elections?* Polity. Chapters 6-9, 12.

Klašnja, M. and Titunik, R. (2017). The incumbency curse: Weak parties, term limits, and unfulfilled accountability. *American Political Science Review*, 111(1):129-148

Motolinia, L. (2020). Electoral accountability and particularistic legislation: Evidence from an electoral reform in Mexico. *American Political Science Review*, 115(1):97-113

Dal Bó, E., Finan, F., Folke, O., Persson, T., and Rickne, J. (2017). Who becomes a politician? *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(4):1877-1914

Sheffer, L., Lowen, P. J., Soroka, S., Walgrave, S., and Sheaffer, T. (2018). Nonrepresentative representatives: An experimental study of the decision making of elected politicians. *American Journal of Political Science*, 112(2):302-321

Adserà, A., Boix, C., and Payne, M. (2003). Are you being served? Political accountability and quality of government. *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 19(2):445-490

Mattozzi, A. and Merlo, A. (2008). Political careers or career politicians? *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(3-4):597-608

Miller, G. (2008). Women's suffrage, political responsiveness, and child survival in American history. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123(3):1287-1327

Gottlieb, J. (2015). Greater expectations: A field experiment to improve accountability in Mali. *American Journal of Political Science*, 60(1):143-157

Bo, E. D. and Rossi, M. (2011). Term length and the effort of politicians. *Review of Economic Studies*, 78(4):1237-1263

Lee, D. S., Moretti, E., and Butler, M. J. (2004). Do voters affect or elect policies? Evidence from the U. S. House. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119(3):807-859

Background:

- Besley, T. and Coate, S. (1997). An economic model of representative democracy. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(1):85–114
- Besley, T. (2006). *Principled Agents?* Cambridge University Press
- Fearon, J. (1999). Electoral accountability and the control of politicians. In Przeworski, A., Manin, B., and Stokes, S., editors, *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*. Cambridge University Press
- Persson, T. and Tabellini, G. (1997). Separation of powers and political accountability. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 112(4):1163–1202
- Ferejohn, J. (1986). Incumbent performance and electoral control. *Public Choice*, 50(1-3):5–25
- Key, V. (1966). *The Responsible Electorate*. Vintage Books
- Strøm, K. (2000). Delegation and accountability in parliamentary democracies. *European Journal of Political Research*, 37(3):261–290
- Chattopadhyay, R. and Duflo, E. (2004). Women as policy makers: Evidence from a randomized policy experiment in India. *Econometrica*, 72(5):1409–1443
- Huber, J. D. and Powell, B. G. (1994). Congruence between citizens and policymakers in two visions of liberal democracy. *World Politics*, 46(3):291–326
- Mayhew, D. R. (1974). Congressional elections: The case of the vanishing marginals. *Polity*, (6):295–317
- Key, V. (1966). *The Responsible Electorate*. Vintage Books
- Manin, B. (1997). *The Principle of Representative Government*. Cambridge University Press
- Barro, R. (1973). The control of politicians: An economic model. *Public Choice*, 14(1):19–42
- Iversen, T. and Rosenbluth, F. (2008). Work and power: The connection between female labor force participation and female political representation. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 11:479–95
- Banks, J. S. and Sundaram, R. (1993). Adverse selection and moral hazard in a repeated elections model. In Barnett, W., Hinich, M. J., and Schiefeld, N., editors, *Political Economy: Institutions, Competition, and Representation*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
- Samuels, D. J. and Shugart, M. S. (2003). Presidentialism, elections and representation. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 15(1):33–60
- Drazen, A. (2000). *Political Economy in Macroeconomics*. Princeton University Press. Chapter 7

II. Electoral Institutions

February 1. Introduction

Read:

Shugart, M. S. and Taagepera, R. (2017). *Votes from Seats*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-6.

Bormann, N.-C. and Golder, M. (2022). Democratic electoral systems around the world, 1946-2020. *Electoral Studies*, 78:102487

Study:

Gallagher, M. (1991). Proportionality, disproportionality and electoral systems. *Electoral Studies*, 10(1):33–51

Kedar, O., Harsgor, L., and Tuttnauer, O. (2021). Permissibility of electoral systems: A new look at an old question. *Journal of Politics*, 83(2):439–452

(This will help us understanding the material for next week:)

Taagepera, R. (2009). *Making Social Sciences More Scientific*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. pp. 120-125.

Recommended:

Carey, J. M. and Hix, S. (2011). The electoral sweet spot: Low-magnitude proportional electoral systems. *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(2):382–397

Calvo, E. and Rodden, J. A. (2015). The Achilles heel of plurality systems: Geography and representation in multiparty democracies. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(4):789–805

Cox, G. W. (2005). Electoral institutions and party competitions. In Menard, C. and Shirley, M. M., editors, *Handbook of New Institutional Economics*. Springer

Taagepera, R. (2007). Electoral systems. In Boix, C. and Stokes, S., editors, *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*. Oxford University Press

Kedar, O., Harsgor, L., and Sheinerman, R. A. (2016). Are voters equal under proportional representation? *American Journal of Political Science*, 60(3):676–691

Dinas, E., Riera, P., and Roussias, N. (2015). Staying in the first league: Parliamentary representation and the electoral success of small parties. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 3(2):187–204

Background:

Reynolds, A., Reilly, B., and Ellis, A. (2005). *The International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design*. International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm

Norris, P. (2004). *Electoral Engineering*. Cambridge University Press

Lakeman, E. and Lambert, J. (1955). *Voting in Democracies: A Study of Majority and Proportional Electoral Systems*. Faber and Faber, London

- Lijphart, A. (1994). *Electoral systems and party systems: A study of twenty-seven democracies*. Oxford University Press, Oxford
- Taagepera, R. and Shugart, M. S. (1989). *Seats and Votes*. Yale University Press, New Haven
- Bowler, S. and Grofman, B. (2000). *Elections in Australia, Ireland, and Malta under the Single Transferable Vote: Reflections on an Embedded Institution*. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor
- Farrell, D. M. (2001). *Electoral Systems: A Comparative Introduction*. Palgrave, Houndmills
- Katz, R. S. (1997). *Democracy and Elections*. Oxford University Press, New York
- Grofman, B., S-C., L., Winckler, E., and Woodall, B., editors (1999). *Elections in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan under the Single Non-Transferable Vote*. University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor
- Reynolds, A. (1999). *Electoral Systems and Democratization in Southern Africa*. Oxford University Press, Oxford
- Snyder, R. and Samuels, D. J. (2004). Legislative malapportionment in Latin America: Historical and comparative perspectives. In Gibson, E. L., editor, *Federalism and Democracy in Latin America*. John Hopkins University Press
- Jones, M. (1995). A guide to the electoral systems of the Americas. *Electoral Studies*, 14(1):5–21

February 8. The Consequences of Electoral Rules: The Inter-Party Dimension

Read:

- Cox, G. W. (1997). *Making Votes Count*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 2, 4-5.
- Shugart, M. S. and Taagepera, R. (2017). *Votes from Seats*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 7-10.

Study:

- Lucardi, A. (2019). The effect of district magnitude on electoral outcomes. Evidence from two natural experiments in Argentina. *British Journal of Political Science*, 49(2):557–577
- Catalinac, A. and Motolinia, L. (2021). Geographically targeted spending in Mixed-Member Majoritarian electoral systems. *World Politics*, 73(4):668–711

Recommended:

- Pons, V. and Tricaud, C. (2018). Expressive voting and its costs: Evidence from runoffs with two or three candidates. *Econometrica*, 86(5):1621–1649
- Potter, J. D. (2018). Constituency diversity, district magnitude and voter co-ordination. *British Journal of Political Science*, 48(1):91–113
- Blais, A., Lachat, R., Hino, A., and Doray-Demers, P. (2011). The mechanical and psychological effects of electoral systems: A quasi-experimental study. *Comparative Political Studies*, 44(12):1599–1621

- Artabe, A. and Gardeazabal, J. (2014). Strategic votes and sincere counterfactuals. *Political Analysis*, 22(2):243–257
- Meirowitz, A. (2005). Polling games and informations transmission. *Games and Economic Behavior*, 51:464–89
- Cox, G. W. and Shugart, M. S. (1996). Strategic voting under proportional representation. *Journal of Law Economics and Organization*, 12(2):299–324
- Carey, J. M. and Hix, S. (2011). The electoral sweet spot: Low-magnitude proportional electoral systems. *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(2):382–397
- Kam, C., Bertelli, A. M., and Held, A. (2020). The electoral system, the party system and accountability in parliamentary government. *American Political Science Review*, 114(3):744–760
- Becher, M. and Menéndez González, I. (2019). Electoral reform and trade-offs in representation. *American Political Science Review*, 113(3):694–709

Background:

- Duverger, M. (1954). *Political Parties*. Wiley, New York. Book II, Chapter 1
- Riker, W. H. (1982b). The two-party system and Duverger’s law: An essay on the history of political science. *American Political Science Review*, 76(4):753–766
- Chhibber, P. and Kollman, K. (1998). Party aggregation and the number of parties in India and the United States. *The American Political Science Review*, 92(2):329–342
- Crisp, B. F., Olivella, S., and Potter, J. D. (2012). Electoral contexts that impede voter coordination. *Electoral Studies*, (31):143–158
- Blais, A., Lachat, R., Hino, A., and Doray-Demers, P. (2011). The mechanical and psychological effects of electoral systems: A quasi-experimental study. *Comparative Political Studies*, 44(12):1599–1621
- Alvarez, R. M., Boehmke, F. J., and Nagler, J. (2006). Strategic voting in British elections. *Electoral Studies*, 25(1):1–19
- Cox, G. W. and Shugart, M. S. (1996). Strategic voting under proportional representation. *Journal of Law Economics and Organization*, 12(2):299–324
- Moser, R. G. and Scheiner, E. (2012). *Electoral Systems and Political Context: How the Effects of Rules Vary Across New and Established Democracies*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
- Palfrey, T. and Rosenthal, H. (1985). Voter participation and strategic uncertainty. *American Political Science Review*, 79:62–78
- Blais, A., Nadeau, R., Gidengil, E., and Nevitte, N. (2001). Measuring strategic voting in multiparty plurality elections. *Electoral Studies*, pages 343–352
- Alvarez, R. M. and Nagler, J. (2000). A new approach for modelling strategic voting in multiparty elections. *British Journal of Political Science*, 30(1):pp. 57–75
- Gibbard, A. (1973). Manipulation of voting schemes: A general result. *Econometrica*, 41:587–601

- Meirowitz, A. and Tucker, J. A. (2007). Run boris run: Strategic voting in sequential elections. *The Journal of Politics*, 69(1):88–99
- Piketty, T. (2000). Voting as communicating. *Review of Economic Studies*, 67(1):169–91
- Spenkuch, J. L. (2014). Please don't vote for me: Voting in a natural experiment with perverse incentives. *The Economic Journal*, 125:1025–1052
- Li, Y. and Shugart, M. S. (2016). The seat product model of the effective number of parties: A case for applied political science. *Electoral Studies*, 41:23–34

February 15. The Consequences of Electoral Rules II: The Intra-Party Dimension

Read:

- Passarelli, G. (2020). *Preferential Voting Systems*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. Chapters 1 [skip section 1.5], 4 [selected country cases], and 5.
- Shugart, M. S., Bergman, M. E., Struthers, C. L., Krauss, E. S., and Pekkanen, R. J. (2021). *Party Personnel Strategies: Electoral Systems and Parliamentary Committee Assignments*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. Chapters 1-3.

Study:

- Crisp, B. F., Schneider, B., Catalinac, A., and Muraoka, T. (2021). Capturing vote-seeking incentives and the cultivation of a personal and party vote. *Electoral Studies*, 72:102369
- Cheibub, J. A. and Sin, G. (2020). Preference vote and intra-party competition in Open List PR systems. *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 32(1):70–95

Recommended:

- Shugart, M. S. and Taagepera, R. (2017). *Votes from Seats*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 13-14.
- Blumenau, J., Eggers, A. C., Hangartner, D., and Hix, S. (2017). Open/closed list and party choice: Experimental evidence from the U.K. *British Journal of Political Science*, 47(4):809–827
- Catalinac, A. (2018). Positioning under alternative electoral systems: Evidence from Japanese candidate election manifestos. *American Political Science Review*, 112(1):31–48
- Carey, J. M. (2007). Competing principals, political institutions, and party unity in legislative voting. *American Journal of Political Science*, 51(1):92–107
- Iversen, T. and Soskice, D. (2006). Electoral institutions and the politics of coalitions: Why some democracies redistribute more than others. *American Political Science Review*, 100(2):165–82
- Beath, A., Christia, F., Egorov, G., and Enikolopov, R. (2016). Electoral rules and political selection: Theory and evidence from a field experiment in Afghanistan. *Review of Economic Studies*, 83:932–968
- Desposato, S. W. (2006). The impact of electoral rules on legislative parties: Lessons from the Brazilian senate and chamber of deputies. *Journal of Politics*, 68(4):1018–1030

- Moser, R. G. and Scheiner, E. (2012). *Electoral Systems and Political Context: How the Effects of Rules Vary Across New and Established Democracies*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Chapters 1 and 8
- Calvo, E. and Hellwig, T. (2011). Centripetal and centrifugal incentives under different electoral systems. *American Journal of Political Science*, 55(1):27–41
- Rickard, S. J. (2012). Electoral systems, voters' interests and geographic dispersion. *British Journal of Political Science*, 42(4):855–877
- Sudulich, L. and Trumm, S. (2019). A comparative study of the effects of electoral institutions on campaigns. *British Journal of Political Science*, 49(1):381–399
- Jurado, I. and León, S. (2019). Geography matters: The conditional effect of electoral systems on social spending. *British Journal of Political Science*, 49(1):81–103

Background:

- Rae, D. (1971). *The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws*. Yale University Press, New Haven
- Katz, R. S. (1986). Intrapreference party voting. In Grofman, B. and Lijphart, A., editors, *Electoral laws and their political consequences*, pages 85–103. Agathon Press, New York
- Cox, G. W. (1990). Centripetal and centrifugal incentives in electoral systems. *American Journal of Political Science*, 34(4):903–936
- Persson, T. and Tabellini, G. (2003). *The Economic Effect of Constitutions*. MIT Press
- Powell, B. G. (2009). The ideological congruence controversy. *Comparative Political Studies*, 42:1475–1497
- Katz, R. S. (1986). Intrapreference party voting. In Grofman, B. and Lijphart, A., editors, *Electoral laws and their political consequences*, pages 85–103. Agathon Press, New York
- Grofman, B. and Lijphart, A., editors (1984). *Electoral laws and their political consequences*. Agathon Press, New York
- Amorim Neto, O. and Cox, G. W. (1997). Electoral institutions, cleavage structures, and the number of parties. *American Journal of Political Science*, 41(1):149–174
- Cox, G. W. (1988). Electoral rules and the calculus of mobilization
- Manow, P. (2009). Electoral rules, class coalitions and welfare state regimes, or how to explain esping-andersen with stein rokkan. *Socio-Economic Review*, 1(101-121)
- Naoi, M. and Krauss, E. (2008). Who lobbies whom? Electoral systems and organized interests' choice of bureaucrats vs. politicians in Japan
- Ames, B. (1995). Electoral strategy under open-list proportional representation. *American Journal of Political Science*, 39(2):406–433
- Austen-Smith, D. and Banks, J. S. (1988). Elections, coalitions, and legislative outcomes. *The American Political Science Review*, 82(2)
- Samuels, D. J. (1999). Incentives to cultivate a party vote in candidate-centric systems: evidence from Brazil. *Comparative Political Studies*, 32:487–518

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