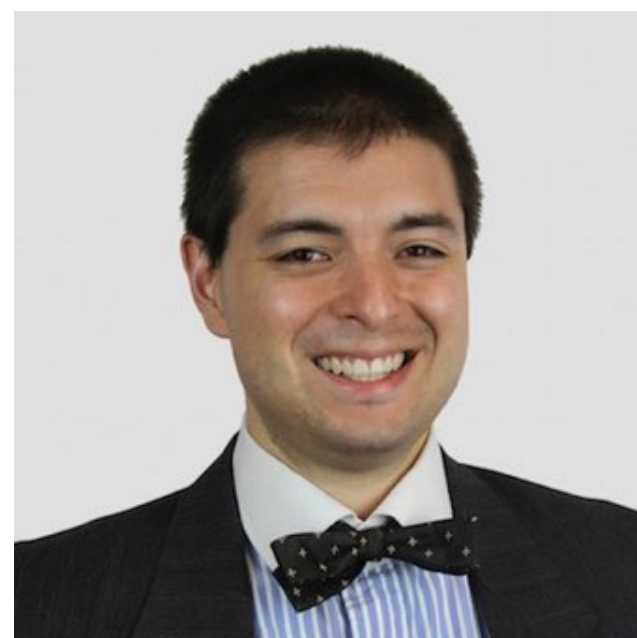


Role of Experiments in Democracy & Project Opportunities (SOC 412)

Week 4 Lecture 7

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What we will cover today

Discuss Final Projects and Teams

Discuss the role of Experiments in Democracy

- Libertarian Paternalism (allowing individual choice while steering people in a direction)
- Should Experiments Influence Elections?
- Should policies be implemented *without* experiments?

Final Project

Final Project (due in May)

- **(team)** Experiment design
 - (potentially results/demo, etc)
- **(team)** Presentation of project
- **(individual)** An essay that reflects on your team's experiment in light of an issue we have discussed: (IRB, corporate accountability, role of experiments in democracy, consent, etc)

Final Project: Midterm

Team Project Proposal (Midterm)

- **(team)** Draft due **March 8th at 5pm**
- **(team)** Final proposal due **March 14th at 9pm**
- **(individual)** A short proposal for what your individual essay might be, due **March 14 at 9pm**

Topic Ideas For Your Final Individual Essay

Write about your experiment in light of a class discussion topic

Libertarian Paternalism

External validity

Consent

Replication

Research Accountability

Explanation & Description

Research Transparency
& Privacy

Advancing Science and
Pragmatic Knowledge

Corporate Accountability

What Makes a Good Midterm

- Your team should **meet with me** in **office hours**
- The proposal should include:
 - A description of the goals of the project
 - A list of people who are key to your project
 - A bibliography of some readings that you plan to do
 - A timeline

Final Project Teams

Three teams of 4, a team of 3, and a team of 2

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Group proposals **due Thursday (Feb 28)**

Final decisions on **March 4**

The best teams will have:

- Balanced skills
- Regular time to meet outside of class
- Have at least 2 people in the same precept