

POLI 259: The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Immigration

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the interplay between racial/ethnic identity and politics. How do race and ethnicity become politicized? What role does ethnic or racial identity play in one's political behavior and decision-making processes? To what extent do political institutions and institutional design reinforce the salience of ethnic or racial identity in politics? These are just some of the questions that we will explore, as well as some of the methodological challenges involved in studying the politics of race and ethnicity. We will be taking a comparative approach to this topic, and cover readings in both the American politics and comparative politics literature. While the issue of race and ethnicity has received considerable attention from both of these subfields, there has been rather little overlap and synergy between them. Understanding why these two subfields have emerged in isolation of one another will be another theme that we will investigate, as we attempt to develop a more systematic and holistic understanding of the dynamics of race, ethnicity, and politics.

REQUIREMENTS

Participation: 20%

Participating in seminar essential and mandatory. Thus, it is expected that you will attend seminar and completed each of the readings assigned for the given week.

Presentations: 10%

Along with regular participation, each student will spend one or two of our meetings providing a public good as "defender" of a particular text (you may choose which readings you would like to defend).

Thought Papers 20%: send more info on this

Research Paper: 50%

A final 20-page research paper will count for 50% of the grade. Details will be discussed in class. You should be thinking about your paper topic and discussing it with me by the fourth week of the quarter.

Note: I do not accept late assignments nor do I accept assignments via email or in my mailbox. Assignments will only be accepted in class.

COURSE POLICIES

Academic Honesty

Cheating, plagiarism and other violations of academic honesty are serious offenses. Graded assignments are not collaborative efforts in this class. You must work independently on all assignments and papers. Please refer to the UCSD policy on integrity of scholarship for further details. If you are caught cheating in this course (this includes plagiarism), you will be awarded a letter grade of an F.

Weeks 1-2: Conceptualizing Race, Ethnicity and Identity (1/5 and 1/12)

Required Readings:

Lee, Taeku. 2008. "Race, Immigration, and the Identity-to-Politics Link." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 11: 457-478.

Chandra, Kanchan. 2006. "What is Ethnic Identity and Why Does it Matter?" *Annual Review of Political Science*. 9: 397-424.

Omi, Michael and Howard Winant. 1994. *Racial Formation in the United States*. Routledge (selected chapters)

Masuoka, Natalie and Jane Junn. 2013. *The Politics of Belonging: Race, Public Opinion and Immigration*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 2 (book available from me)

Recommend Readings:

Espiritu, Yen Lee. 1993. *Asian American Panethnicity*. Temple: Temple University Press.

Garcia Bedolla, Lisa. 2005. *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity and Politics in Los Angeles*. Chapter 1.

Waters, Mary. 1999. *Black Identities*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Weber, Max. 1996. "The Origins of Ethnic Groups." In John Hutchinson and Anthony D. Smith eds, *Ethnicity*. New York: Oxford University Press: 35-40.

Week 3: Ethnic/Racial Conflict and Political Attitudes (1/19)

Required Readings:

Kim, Claire. 2003. *Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City*. New Haven, Yale University Press.

Tarman, Christopher, and David Sears. 2005. "The Conceptualization and Measurement of Symbolic Racism" *The Journal of Politics* 67(3): 731-761.

Dawson, Michael. 1994. *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*. Chapter 5. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Recommended Readings:

Fearon, James D. and David D. Laitin. 1996. "Explaining Interethnic Cooperation." *American Political Science Review* 4:715–35.

Horowitz, Donald. 1985. *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley, University of California Press. Chapter 3.

Varshney, A., 2011. [Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond](#). *World Politics*, 53(03), pp.362–398.

Oliver, J. Eric and Janelle Wong. 2003. "Intergroup Prejudice in Multiethnic Settings" *American Journal of Political Science*

Kaufman, Karen. 2003. *The Urban Voter: Group Conflict and Mayoral Voting Behavior in American Cities*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Fearon, James. 2006. "Ethnic Mobilization and Ethnic Violence." In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy*, eds. Barry Weingast and Donald Wittman. New York: Oxford University Press.

Week 4: Race, Ethnicity, and Political Attitudes (1/26)

Required Readings:

Philpot, Tasha S., and Ismail K. White. 2010. Introduction: Defining African American Political Psychology. In T.S. Philpot and I.K. White, eds., *African-American Political Psychology: Identity, Opinion, and Action in the Post-Civil Rights Era*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan (available online from UCSD library).

Perez, Efrén. 2016. *Unspoken Politics: Implicit Attitudes and Political Thinking*, Cambridge University Press. Selected chapters

Mendelberg, Tali. The Race Card. 2001. *Campaign Strategy, Implicit Messages, and the Norm of Equality*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Recommended Readings:

Hero, Rodney. 1998. *Faces of Inequality: Social Diversity in American Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press. Chapter 7.

Pérez, Efrén O. 2010. Explicit Evidence on the Import of Implicit Attitudes: The IAT and Immigration Policy Judgments. *Political Behavior* 32(4): 517-545.

Key, V.O. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: Knopf.

Week 5: Representation (2/2)

Required Readings:

Grose, Christian. 2011. *Congress in Black and White: Race and Representation in Washington and at Home*. Cambridge University Press

Rouse, Stella. 2013. *Latinos in the Legislative Process: Interests and Influence*. Cambridge University Press. (selected chapters to be made available)

Gonzalez Juenke, Eric. 2014 “Ignorance is Bias: The Effects of Latino Losers on Models of Latino Representation” *American Journal of Political Science* 58(3): 593-603

Recommended Readings:

Gonzalez Juenke, Eric and Robert Preuhs. 2012. “Irreplaceable Legislators? Rethinking Minority Representatives in the New Century.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 705-715

Cameron, Charles, David Epstein and Sharon O’Halloran. 1996. Do Majority-Minority Districts Maximize Substantive Black Representation in Congress? *American Political*

Science Review. 90:794-812.

Weeks 6: Political Behavior (2/9)

Required Readings:

Garcia Bedolla, Lisa and Melissa Michelson. 2013. *Mobilizing Inclusion: Transforming the Electorate through Get-Out-the-Vote Campaigns*. Yale University Press.

Pastor, Manuel, Gihan Perera and Madeline Wander. April 2013. "Movements and Momentum: Engaging Voters, Scaling Power, Making Change." USC PERE Report. https://dornsife.usc.edu/assets/sites/242/docs/M3_web.pdf

Wong, Janelle et al 2011. *Asian American Political Participation: Emerging Constituents and their Political Identities*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Chapter 7. (available online at UCSD library)

Bloemraad, Irene and Karthick Ramakrishnan. 2008. *Civic Hopes and Political Realities Immigrants, Community Organizations, and Political Engagement*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Chapter 2 (available online at UCSD library)

Recommended Readings:

Abrajano, Marisa and Zoltan Hajnal. 2015 *White Backlash: Immigration, Race and American Politics*. Princeton University Press. Selected Chapters.

Abrajano, Marisa and R. Michael Alvarez. 2012. *New Faces, New Voices: The Hispanic Electorate In America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapter 5

Atchade, Yves and Wantchekon, Leonard. "Does Ethnic Solidarity Facilitate Electoral Support for Nation-Building Policies? Evidence from a Political Experiment" Working Paper. September 19, 2007.

Posner, Daniel. 2007. "Regime Change and Ethnic Cleavages in Africa." *Comparative Political Studies*. 40(11): 1302-1327.

Posner, Daniel. 2007. "Regime Change and Ethnic Cleavages in Africa." *Comparative Political Studies*. 40(11): 1302-1327.

Leighley, Jan. 2001. *Strength in Numbers? The Political Mobilization of Racial and Ethnic Minorities* Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Wantchekon, Leonard. 2003. "Clientelism and Voting Behavior: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Benin." *World Politics*. 55:3 99-402.

Week 7: Political Knowledge (2/16)

Perez, Efren. 2015. Mind the Gap: Why Large Group Deficits in Political Knowledge Emerge—And What To Do About Them.” *Political Behavior*

Abrajano, Marisa. 2015. Re-examining the Racial Gap in Political Knowledge. *Journal of Politics*

Prior, Markus, and Arthur Lupia. 2008. “Money, Time and Political Knowledge: Distinguishing Quick Recall and Political Learning Skills.” *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (1): 169–83

Weeks 8: Political Institutions (2/23)

Required Readings:

Frymer, Paul. 2010. *Uneasy Alliances: Race and Party Competition in America*

Tasha S. Philpot. 2007. *Race, Republicans, and the Return of the Party of Lincoln*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Selected Chapters.

Han, Hahrie. “The Organizational Roots of Political Activism: Field Experiments on Creating a Relational Context”. Forthcoming, *American Political Science Review*, May 2016

Recommended Readings:

Habyarimana, James, Macratan Humphreys, Daniel Posner and Jeremy Weinstein. 2007. “Why Does Ethnic Diversity Undermine Public Goods Provisions?” *American Political Science Review* 101(4): 709-725.

Alesina, Alberto, R. Baqir and William Easterly. 1999. “Public Goods and Ethnic Divisions.” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 114(4):1243–84.

Hero, Rodney. 1998. *Faces of Inequality: Social Diversity in American Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press. Chapters 1,

Chandra, Kanchan. 2004. *Why Ethnic Parties Succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Headcounts in India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Epstein, David and Sharon O’Halloran. 1999. A Social Science Approach to Race, Redistricting, and Representation. *American Political Science Review*. 93:187-191.

Posner, Daniel. 2005. *Institutions and Ethnic Politics in Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Tate, Katherine. 2003. *Black Faces in the Mirror: African Americans and Their Representatives in the U.S. Congress*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Week 9: Race-Relevant Policies –The Criminal Justice System (3/1)

Required Readings:

Lerman, Amy and Vesla Weaver. 2014. *Arresting Citizenship: The Democratic Consequences of American Crime Control*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Marie Gottschalk. 2014. *Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Recommended Readings:

Lerman, Amy. 2013. *The Modern Prison Paradox: Politics, Punishment, and Social Community*. Cambridge University Press.

Weaver, Vesla. *Frontlash: Race and the Development of Punitive Crime and Policy*. <https://veslaweaver.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/weaver2007.pdf>

Marie Gottschalk. 2006. *The Prison and the Gallows: The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Week 10: Race Relevant Policies –Immigration (3/8)

(Seminar Paper Presentations)

Required Readings:

Brader, Ted, Nicholas Valentino and Elizabeth Suhay. 2008. "What Triggers Public Opposition to Immigration? Anxiety, Group Cues and Immigration Threat." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(4): 959-978.

Hodson, Gordon, and Kimberly Costello. "Interpersonal disgust, ideological orientations, and dehumanization as predictors of intergroup attitudes." *Psychological Science* 18.8 (2007): 691-698.

Hainmueller, Jens and Michael J. Hiscox. 2010. "[Attitudes Towards Highly Skilled and Low Skilled Immigration: Evidence from a Survey Experiment](#)" *American Political Science Review*, 101(4): 61-84.

Malhotra, Neil, Yotam Margalit, and Cecilia Hyunjung Mo. 2013. "Economic Explanations for Opposition to Immigration: Distinguishing Between Prevalence and Conditional Impact." *American Journal of Political Science* 57(2): 391-410.

Recommended Readings:

Masuoka, Natalie and Jane Junn. 2013. *The Politics of Belonging: Race, Public Opinion and Immigration*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Hopkins, Daniel. 2010. "Politicized Places: Explaining Where and When Immigrants Provoke Local Opposition" *American Political Science Review*. 104(1) 40-60.

Freeman, Gary. 1995. "Modes of Immigration Politics in Liberal Democratic States." *International Migration Review* 29:4.

Hero, Rodney E. and Robert R. Preuhs. 2007. "Immigration and the Evolving Welfare State: Examining Policies in the U.S. States" *American Journal of Political Science*. 51(3): 498-517.

Koopmans, Ruud, Paul Statham, Marco Guigni and Florence Passey. 2005. *Contested Citizenship: Immigration and Cultural Diversity in Europe*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Freeman, Gary. 1995. "Modes of Immigration Politics in Liberal Democratic States." *International Migration Review* 29:4.

Boswell, Christina. 2007. "Theorizing Migration Policy: Is There a Third Way?" *International Migration Review*

Cornelius, Wayne and Marc Rosenblum. 2005. "Immigration and Politics." *Annual Review of Political Science*.

Freeman, Gary and Alan Kessler. 2008. "Political Economy and Migration Policy." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.