

A second introduction to formal political economy

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Course Objectives

This course has two objectives. The first is to formally introduce you to some canonical political economy models and, in doing so, to help you engage more deeply as well as critically with the modern literature. The second objective is for you to develop a more nuanced understanding of the strategic rationales that underlie the existence of two institutions that characterise modern democracies: elections and interest groups. Such an understanding is not only of scholarly interest, but also of importance for reflecting on what it means to be a good democratic citizen, both in private (e.g. casting your vote) and in public (e.g. when choosing your occupation and making day-to-day decisions in jobs that are directly and indirectly related to public policymaking). My hope is that the formal demands of the models will not deter us from exploring their implications for our lived experience.

Each lecture will consist of two parts, though these will not always be followed sequentially. The first part will provide some context on the democratic institution that the week is devoted to, or an aspect of that institution (e.g. accountability in elections). The second will introduce one canonical political economy model from the readings, including proofs of key results.

Formative assessment

All of you will be busy revising for your exams and writing research proposals. There will therefore be two assignment options from which you can choose:

1. Essay-based: Each week you will be required to write a 1000-word essay, in which you explain the model, situate its insights in the broader literature, and apply it to one example not discussed in the lecture.
2. Exercise-based: Each week you will be required to solve exercises relating to the model in increasing order of difficulty. Simple exercises will ask you to, for instance, explain

derivations. More difficult exercises will be about writing simple proofs or working out small extensions of the model.

Pre-requisites

None, though having taken the game/formal theory class in Hilary term is highly desirable.

Required Readings

- Persson, Torsten, and Guido Tabellini. 2002. *Political Economics: Explaining Economic Policy*. Cambridge, Mass.: The MIT Press.
- Gehlbach, Scott. 2021. *Formal Models of Domestic Politics*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Osborne, Martin J. 2025. 'Models in Political Economy: Collective Choice, Voting, Elections, Bargaining, and Rebellion'. [Available here](#)

Recommended general readings

- Hinich, Melvin J., and Michael C. Munger. 1997. *Analytical Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Przeworski, Adam. 2003. *States and Markets: A Primer in Political Economy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Grossman, Gene M., and Elhanan Helpman. 2001. *Special Interest Politics*. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press.
- Bueno de Mesquita, Ethan. 2016. *Political Economy for Public Policy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Ashworth, Scott, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Christopher R. Berry. 2021. *Theory and Credibility: Integrating Theoretical and Empirical Social Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Mathematical background for the curious

Real analysis, linear algebra, and probability theory

- Blitzstein, Joseph K., and Jessica Hwang. 2019. *Introduction to Probability*, Second Edition. 2nd ed. Boca Raton: Taylor & Francis.
- Axler, Sheldon. 2024. *Linear Algebra Done Right*. Cham: Springer International Publishing.
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(Un-)constrained Optimisation

- Lambert, Peter J. 1995. *Advanced Mathematics for Economists: Static and Dynamic Optimization*. New York, NY, USA: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Dixit, Avinash K. 1990. *Optimization in Economic Theory*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Sydsaeter, Knut, Peter Hammond, Arne Strom, and Andrs Carvajal. 2009. *Further Mathematics for Economic Analysis*. 1st ed. London: FT Publishing.
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- Binmore, Ken, and Joan Davies. 2001. *Calculus: Concepts and Methods*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- De la Fuente, Angel. 2000. *Mathematical Methods and Models for Economists*. Cambridge, UK; New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Sundaram, Rangarajan K. 2011. *A First Course in Optimization Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Game Theory

- Osborne, Martin J. 2009. *An Introduction to Game Theory: International Edition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- McCarty, Nolan, and Adam Meirowitz. 2007. *Political Game Theory: An Introduction*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Tadelis, Steven. 2013. *Game Theory: An Introduction*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Generically useful, semi-academic resources

Podcasts

- Alan Jacobs & Yang-Yang Zhou, [Scope Conditions Podcast](#)
- William Howell/Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, Anthony Fowler, and Wioletta Dziuda, [Not Another Politics Podcast](#)
- [Economics for Inclusive Prosperity](#)
- Jordi Blanes i Vidal, [The Visible Hand](#)
- Tarik Abou-Chadi, [Transformation of European Politics](#)
- Soumaya Keynes (FT), [The Economics Show](#)
- CEPR, [VoxTalks Economics](#)

- [VoxDevTalks Development Economics](#)
- Stone Center on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, [The Inequality Podcast](#)
- [AEA Research Highlights Podcast](#)
- Institute for Fiscal Studies, [IFS Zooms In: The Economy](#)
- Luigi Zingales and Bethany McLean, [Capital'isnt](#)

Blogs

- [Broadstreet](#) (Historical Political Economy)
- Kevin Bryan, [A Fine Theorem](#) (Detailed explanations of contributions by economics Nobel laureates and JBC winners)
- Alice Evans, [The Great Gender Divergence](#)
- Lionel Page, [Optimally Irrational](#)
- Chris Blattman, [Blog](#) (Political economy and professional advice)
- Monthly newsletter of gender-related political science research, [Gender & Politics Research](#)
- Ben Ansell, [Political Calculus](#)
- Andrew Roberts, [A Political Scientist's Progress](#)
- Adam Przeworski, [Substack](#)
- Joey Politano, [Apricitas Economics](#)
- Adam Bonica, [On Data and Democracy](#)
- Matt Clancy, [What's new under the sun](#) (Innovation and technological progress)
- Dietrich Vollrath, [Economic Growth Blog](#)
- David Deming, [Forked Lightning](#) (Education, economics, social mobility)
- Davis Keesdosky, [Great Transformations](#) (Economic history)
- [Good Authority](#)
- Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham, [A Causal Affair](#)
- Hanno Lustig, [Two Cents](#)
- Henry Farrell, [Programmable Mutter](#)
- Alex Imas, [Ghost of Electricity](#)

Course Policy

This is a formative module, which is designed to allow you to explore formal models of political economy.

Week 01, 04/27 - 05/01: Models of electoral accountability

- Required readings

- Persson and Tabellini (2000), ch. 4.4, 9.2, 9.3
- Fearon, James D. 1999. 'Electoral Accountability and the Control of Politicians: Selecting Good Types versus Sanctioning Poor Performance'. In *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*, Cambridge Studies in the Theory of Democracy, eds. Adam Przeworski, Bernard Manin, and Susan C. Stokes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 55–97.
- Lupia, Arthur, and Mathew D. McCubbins. 1998. *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know?* Cambridge, U.K.; New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Optional readings

- Ashworth, Scott. 2012. 'Electoral Accountability: Recent Theoretical and Empirical Work'. *Annual Review of Political Science* 15(1): 183–201. [doi:10.1146/annurev-polisci-031710-103823](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-031710-103823).
- Ashworth, Scott, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Amanda Friedenberg. 2018. "Learning about Voter Rationality." *American Journal of Political Science* 62 (1): 37–54. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12334>.
- Besley, Timothy. 2006. *Principled Agents? The Political Economy of Good Government*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Maskin, Eric, and Jean Tirole. 2004. 'The Politician and the Judge: Accountability in Government'. *American Economic Review* 94(4): 1034–54. [doi:10.1257/0002828042002606](https://doi.org/10.1257/0002828042002606).
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- Ashworth, Scott, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Amanda Friedenberg. 2017. 'Accountability and Information in Elections'. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 9(2): 95–138. [doi:10.1257/mic.20150349](https://doi.org/10.1257/mic.20150349).
- Ashworth, Scott, and Anthony Fowler. 2020. 'Electoral Accountability versus Voters'. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 1(3): 477–505. [doi:10.1561/113.00000016](https://doi.org/10.1561/113.00000016).

- Duggan, John, and Cesar Martinelli. 2017. ‘The Political Economy of Dynamic Elections: Accountability, Commitment, and Responsiveness’. *Journal of Economic Literature* 55(3): 916–84. doi:[10.1257/jel.20150927](https://doi.org/10.1257/jel.20150927).
- Gieczewski, Germán, and Christopher Li. 2024. ‘Incumbent Performance and Electoral Control: A Comment’. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 19(3): 331–53. doi:[10.1561/100.00023038](https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00023038).
- Kartik, Navin, Elliot Lipnowski, and Harry Pei. 2026. “Replacement and Reputation.” Working Paper No. 35154. Working Paper Series. NBER. doi:<https://doi.org/10.3386/w35154>.
- Lockwood, Ben. 2017. ‘Confirmation Bias and Electoral Accountability’. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 11(4): 471–501. doi:[10.1561/100.00016037](https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00016037).
- Banks, Jeffrey S., and Rangarajan K. Sundaram. 1998. “Optimal Retention in Agency Problems.” *Journal of Economic Theory* 82 (2): 293–323. <https://doi.org/10.1006/jeth.1998.2422>.
- Iaryczower, Matias, Gabriel Lopez-Moctezuma, and Adam Meirowitz. 2024. “Career Concerns and the Dynamics of Electoral Accountability.” *American Journal of Political Science* 68 (2): 696–713. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12740>.
- Prat, Andrea. 2005. “The Wrong Kind of Transparency.” *American Economic Review* 95 (3): 862–77. <https://doi.org/10.1257/0002828054201297>.
- Callander, Steven, and Raiha Davin. 2017. “Durable Policy, Political Accountability, and Active Waste.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 12 (1): 59–97. <https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00016120>.
- Fox, Justin, and Kenneth W. Shotts. 2009. “Delegates or Trustees? A Theory of Political Accountability.” *The Journal of Politics* 71 (4): 1225–37. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022381609990260>.
- Grossman, Guy, and Tara Slough. 2022. “Government Responsiveness in Developing Countries.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 25 (1): 131–53. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-051120-112501>.
- Landa, Dimitri, and Dominik Duell. 2015. “Social Identity and Electoral Accountability.” *American Journal of Political Science* 59 (3): 671–89. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12128>.
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- Foarta, Dana. 2023. “How Organizational Capacity Can Improve Electoral Accountability.” *American Journal of Political Science* 67 (3): 776–89. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12727>.

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- Gieczewski, Germán. 2022. “Term Limits and Bargaining Power in Electoral Competition.” *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 14 (3): 1–34. <https://doi.org/10.1257/mic.20180033>.

Week 02, 05/04 - 05/08: The nuts and bolts of party competition and pork-barrel politics

- Required readings

- Adams, James F., Samuel Merrill III, and Bernard Grofman. 2005. *A Unified Theory of Party Competition: A Cross-National Analysis Integrating Spatial and Behavioral Factors*. Cambridge University Press, chapters 1 to 3
- Cox, Gary W. 2010. ‘Swing Voters, Core Voters, and Distributive Politics’. In *Political Representation*, eds. Alexander S. Kirshner, Elisabeth Jean Wood, Ian Shapiro, and Susan C. Stokes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 342–57.
- Dixit, Avinash, and John Londregan. 1996. ‘The Determinants of Success of Special Interests in Redistributive Politics’. *The Journal of Politics* 58(4): 1132–55.

- Optional readings

- Cox, Gary W., and Matthew D. McCubbins. 2001. ‘Political Structure and Economic Policy: The Institutional Determinants of Policy Outcomes’. In *Presidents, Parliaments, and Policy*, eds. Stephan Haggard and Matthew D. McCubbins. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Grofman, Bernard. 2004. ‘Downs and Two-Party Convergence’. *Annual Review of Political Science* 7(1): 25–46. [doi:10.1146/annurev.polisci.7.012003.104711](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev.polisci.7.012003.104711).
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- Dixit, Avinash, and John Londregan. 1998. ‘Ideology, Tactics, and Efficiency in Redistributive Politics’. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 113(2): 497–529.
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- Crutzen, Benoît S. Y., Micael Castanheira, and Nicolas Sahuguet. 2010. “Party Organization and Electoral Competition.” *The Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 26 (2): 212–42. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jleo/ewp019>.

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- Kurella, Anna-Sophie, and Milena Rapp. 2026. “The Role of Issue Salience and Competitive Advantages in Spatial Models of Political Competition.” *The Journal of Politics* 88 (2): 601–17. <https://doi.org/10.1086/734255>.
- Desai, Zuheir. 2026. “A Theory of Electoral Competition in Developing Democracies.” *The Journal of Politics* 88 (1): 63–78. <https://doi.org/10.1086/735459>.
- Frey, Anderson, Gabriel López-Moctezuma, and Sergio Montero. 2023. “Sleeping with the Enemy: Effective Representation under Dynamic Electoral Competition.” *American Journal of Political Science* 67 (4): 915–31. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12681>.
- Shepsle, Kenneth A., and Barry R. Weingast. 1981. ‘Political Preferences for the Pork Barrel: A Generalization’. *American Journal of Political Science* 25(1): 96–111. [doi:10.2307/2110914](https://doi.org/10.2307/2110914).
- Stokes, Susan C. 2013. *Brokers, Voters, and Clientelism: The Puzzle Of Distributive Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Basu, Chitrallekha. 2020. ‘Bridging Spatial and Saliency Theory: Party Size and Issue Selection in Campaigns’. *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(3): 444–58. [doi:10.1017/psrm.2019.2](https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2019.2).
- Aldrich, John H. 2011. *Why Parties?: A Second Look*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Meguid, Bonnie M. 2008. *Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Gratton, Gabriele. 2014. “Pandering and Electoral Competition.” *Games and Economic Behavior* 84 (March): 163–79. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geb.2014.01.006>.
- Strom, Kaare. 1990. ‘A Behavioral Theory of Competitive Political Parties’. *American Journal of Political Science* 34(2): 565–98. [doi:10.2307/2111461](https://doi.org/10.2307/2111461).
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- Fiva, Jon H., Federica Izzo, and Janne Tukiainen. 2024. ‘The Gatekeeper’s Dilemma: Political Selection or Team Effort’. *Journal of Public Economics* 234: 105133.

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- Schofield, Norman, and Itai Sened. 2006. *Multiparty Democracy: Elections and Legislative Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
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Week 03, 05/11 - 05/15: Formal models of electoral rules (and their effects)

- Required readings
 - Chapter 9, Persson and Tabellini
- Optional readings
 - Cox, Gary W. 1997. *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World’s Electoral Systems*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 - Cox, Gary W. 2015. ‘Electoral Rules, Mobilization, and Turnout’. *Annual Review of Political Science* 18(1): 49–68. doi:10.1146/annurev-polisci-060414-035915.
 - Persson, Torsten, Gérard Roland, and Guido Tabellini. 2000. ‘Comparative Politics and Public Finance’. *Journal of Political Economy* 108(6): 1121–61. doi:10.1086/317686.
 - Ashworth, Scott, and Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. 2006. ‘Delivering the Goods: Legislative Particularism in Different Electoral and Institutional Settings’. *The Journal of Politics* 68(1): 168–79. doi:10.1111/j.1468-2508.2006.00378.x
 - Baranski, Andrzej, Nicholas Haas, and Rebecca Morton. 2023. ‘Pork versus Policy: Experimental Evidence on Majoritarian Bargaining with Real-World Consequences’. *The Journal of Politics* 85(2): 537–52. doi:10.1086/723810.
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- Hinich, Melvin J., and Michael C. Munger. 1997. *Analytical Politics*. Cambridge University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1017/CB09781139174725>.
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- Becher, Michael. 2016. ‘Endogenous Credible Commitment and Party Competition over Redistribution under Alternative Electoral Institutions’. *American Journal of Political Science* 60(3): 768–82. [doi:10.1111/ajps.12242](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12242)
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Week 04, 05/18 - 05/22: Interest groups and lobbying

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- Schnakenberg, Keith, and Ian Turner. 2024. ‘Formal Theories of Special Interest Influence’. *Annual Review of Political Science*. [doi:10.1146/annurev-polisci-051921-102335](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-polisci-051921-102335)
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- Culpepper, Pepper D. 2011. *Quiet Politics and Business Power: Corporate Control in Europe and Japan*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Optional readings
 - Wolton, Stephane. 2021. ‘Lobbying, Inside and Out: How Special Interest Groups Influence Policy Choices’. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 16(4): 467–503. [doi:10.1561/100.00020007](https://doi.org/10.1561/100.00020007)
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