



Department of Politics and Government  
Spring 2019 (Semester Bet)

Course 138-1-0239-01 & 138-1-0239-02

**Political Participation Worldwide: From Political Parties to Twitter Activism**

4 credit points (elective course for B.A. students; M.A. and Ph.D. can also register)

Course goal: Transformations in the way citizens participate in politics in recent years are widely viewed as among the most important and interesting developments in contemporary democracies worldwide. The main goal of the course is to support students to examine these important transformations from a cross-national and historical perspective. The course is based on active class participation, and a supportive learning environment in English encourages all course participants to practice and develop their written and oral academic English skills.

Hours of instruction: Mondays 14:00-16:00  
Wednesdays 16:00 – 18:00

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Eligibility: Elective course for all students of all years (BA beginning 1<sup>st</sup> year, MA and PhD). Course size will be limited to 25 students overall, and 1<sup>st</sup> year students interested in a challenging course in English are highly encouraged to register.

Language of instruction: English; recognized English course. NOTE: students will not be expected to have perfect English, but will be expected to do the oral and written assignments in English only.

Assignments: There are two main required assignments: (1) An in-class presentation in which students present a summary and critique of an academic article (2) A literature review of a topic chosen by the student, in coordination with the instructor (6 pages in length). Additional class requirements will be described in a detailed syllabus presented and discussed the first week of class.

Attendance: Attendance and active participation are required in order to receive course credit.

A detailed syllabus, course readings, and assignment descriptions will be reviewed in the first class. Reading and assignments are posted to the course Moodle, and students will be partners in developing the syllabus content throughout the course.