

GUIA DOCENTE
MÁSTER UNIVERSITARIO EN POLÍTICAS PÚBLICAS Y SOCIALES

Curso 2024-2025

1. ASIGNATURA

- Nombre: Democracia, ciudadanía y participación política
- Tipo de asignatura: Obligatoria
- Trimestre: 1r trimestre / 3r curso (ficha web)
- Créditos: 3 ECTS
- Idioma de docencia: inglés
- Coordinador de la asignatura: Bentley Allan
- Profesor de la asignatura: Bentley B. Allan

Course Description

Explores what is meant by participation and how institutions can favor (or not) greater involvement of individuals in the relevant political processes. First, it explains what we mean by participation, a multidimensional concept, and discusses the reasons why citizens decide (or not) to participate and in what capacity. Secondly, it delves into the instruments, mechanisms, and evaluation of citizen participation, its limits and consequences, as well as the incorporation of citizen participation in the coproduction of public policies. In a broader lens, we will investigate the current crisis of global democracy, the rise of populism, and efforts to rebuild democracy from the local and global level.

Course Requirements

Please view the videos for each session (2 per day) and do the readings prior to class.

For students participating in the course for academic credit, student evaluation would be based on: (a) participation in class discussion (20%); (b) short in-class presentation on further reading (10%); (c) short in-class presentation on a democratic action or organization; and (d) a final 3-page paper or final exam (60%).

The final paper is due July 14 at 4.00pm. The final paper is to apply concepts learned in the course to analysis of contemporary problems in democratic participation. To this end,

students will be asked to write a 2500-word policy brief addressed to a government official or non-governmental organisation outlining how to approach a specific problem in democratic participation.

The final online exam will be held on July 14 from 3.00pm-4.30pm. The exam will feature open-ended questions designed to elicit critique and synthesis of arguments encountered in the course.

Monday, May 15: What is Participation, Who Participates, and Why?

Session 1. *Democratic legitimation and modes of participation*

Session 2. *What drives participation? Bottom-up and top-down factors*

*View videos for session 1 and 2 before class

Required reading:

Teorell, Jan. 2006. "Political participation and three theories of democracy: A research inventory and agenda." *European Journal of Political Research* Vol. 45: 787–810.

Ayteç, S. Erdem and Susan C. Stokes. 2019. *Why Bother? Rethinking Participation in Elections and Protests*. Cambridge University Press, Ch. 1.

Further reading:

Blais, André. 2006. "What Affects Voter Turnout?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 9: 111-25.

Brady, Henry. 1999. "Political participation." In J. Robinson, P. Shaver & L. Wrightsman, eds. *Measures of Political Attitudes*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

Campbell, David E. 2013. "Social Networks and Political Participation." *Annual Review of Political Science* 16: 33-48.

Carreras, Miguel, and Shaun Bowler. "Community Size, Social Capital, and Political Participation in Latin America." *Political Behavior* 41, no. 3 (2019): 723-745.

Croke, K, Grossman G, Larreguy HA, Marshall J. 2016. "Deliberate Disengagement: How Education Can Decrease Political Participation in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes." *American Political Science Review* 110(3): 579-600.

Della Porta, Donatella. 2013. *Can Democracy Be Saved? Participation, Deliberation, and Social Movements*. Malden, MA: Polity Press.

Deibert, Ronald J. 2019. "The road to digital unfreedom: Three painful truths about social media." *Journal of Democracy* 30(1): 25-39.

Grossman, G, Humphreys M, Sacramone-Lutz G. 2014. "I would like u WMP to extend electricity 2 our village": On Information Technology and Interest Articulation. *American Political Science Review* 108(3):688-705.

Mutz, Diana C. 2002. "The Consequences of Cross-Cutting Networks for Political Participation." *American Journal of Political Science* 4(4): 838-855.

Neblo, Michael, Kevin Esterling, Ryan Kennedy, David Lazer, and Anand Sokhey. 2010. "Who Wants to Deliberate – and Why?" *American Political Science Review* 104(3):566-583.

Pierskalla, Jan H. and Florian M. Hollenbach. 2013. "Technology and Collective Action: The Effect of Cell Phone Coverage on Political Violence in Africa." *American Political Science Review* 107(2): 207-224.

Putnam, Robert D. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

Riofrancos, Thea N. 2017. "Scaling democracy: Participation and resource extraction in Latin America." *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 3 (2017): 678-696.

- Schlozman, Kay L. 2002. "Citizen Participation in America: What Do We Know? Why Do We Care?" In Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner, eds., Political Science: State of the Discipline. New York: Norton.
- Theocharis, Yannis, and Jan W. Van Deth. 2018. "The continuous expansion of citizen participation: a new taxonomy." *European Political Science Review* 10, no. 1: 139-163.
- Teorell, J., M. Torcal and J.R. Montero. 2007. "Political participation: Mapping the terrain." In J. van Deth, J.R. Montero, and A. Westholm, eds. Citizenship and Involvement in European Democracies. London: Routledge, pp. 334-357.
- van Deth, Jan W. 2014. "A conceptual map of political participation." *Acta Politica* 49(3): 349-367.
- Verba, S. and N. Nie. 1972. Participation in America: Political democracy and social equality. New York: Harper & Row.
- Wickham, Carrie Rosefsky. 2020. "Rethinking the Origins of Civic Culture and Why it Matters for the Study of the Arab World (The Government and Opposition/Leonard Schapiro Lecture 2018)." *Government and Opposition* 55, no. 1: 1-20.

Tuesday, May 16: Forms of Direct Democracy Session 3.

Social Movements & Contentious Politics

Session 4. *Direct Democracy*

*View videos for session 3 and 4 before class

Required Reading:

- Han, Hahrie. 2016. "The Organizational Roots of Political Activism: Field Experiments on Creating a Relational Context." *American Political Science Review* 110(2): 296-307.
- Fung, Archon. 2006. "Varieties of Participation in Complex Governance." *Public Administration Review* 66(S1): 66-75.

Further reading:

- Abelson, Julia et al. 2003. "Deliberations about deliberative methods: Issues in the design and evaluation of public participation processes." *Social Science and Medicine* 57(2): 239-251.
- Agrawal, Arun and Elinor Ostrom. 2001. "Collective Action, Property Rights, and Decentralization." *Politics and Society* 29(4):
- Baiocchi, Gianpaolo. 2003. "Participation, Activism, and Politics: The Porto Alegre Experiment." In Archon Fung and Erik Olin Wright, eds. Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Democracy. New York: Verso.
- Baiocchi, Gianpaolo. 2005. Militants and Citizens: The Politics of Participatory Democracy in Porto Alegre. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Bohman, James. 1999. "Democracy as Inquiry, Inquiry as Democratic: Pragmatism, Social Science, and the Cognitive Division of Labor." *American Journal of Political Science* 43(2): 590-607.

- Brown, Mark B. 2009. Science in Democracy: Expertise, Institutions, and Representation. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.
- Carr, Deborah S. and Kathleen Halvorsen. 2001. "An Evaluation of Three Democratic, Community-Based Approaches to Citizen Participation: Surveys, Conversations With Community Groups, and Community Dinners." Society and Natural Resources 14" 107-126.
- Dryzek, John et al. 2009. "When Promethean Elites Meet Precautionary Publics: The Case of GM Foods." Science, Technology, and Human Values 34(3): 263-288.
- Dryzek, John S., André Bächtiger, Simone Chambers, Joshua Cohen, James N. Druckman, Andrea Felicetti, James S. Fishkin et al. 2019. "The crisis of democracy and the science of deliberation." Science 363, no. 6432: 1144-1146.
- Elam, Mark and Margareta Bertilsson. 2003. "Consuming, Engaging and Confronting Science: The Emerging Dimensions of Scientific Citizenship." European Journal of Social Theory 6(2): 233-251.
- Fung, Archon and Erik Olin Wright, eds. 2003. Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Democracy. New York: Verso.
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- Fung, Archon. 2015. "Putting the Public Back into Governance: The Challenges of Citizen Participation and Its Future." Public Administration Review 75(4): 513-522.
- Irvin, Renée. 2004. "Citizen Participation in Decision Making: Is it Worth the Effort?" Public Administration Review 64(1): 55-65.
- Isaac, T. M. Thomas and Patrick Heller. 2006. "Decentralisation, Democracy and Development" People's Campaign for Decentralised Planning in Kerala." In Archon Fung and Erik Olin Wright, eds. Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Democracy. New York: Verso.
- Jasanoff, Sheila. 2003. "Technologies of Humility: Citizen Participation in Governing Science." Minerva 41: 223-244.
- Lafont, Cristina. 2015. "Deliberation, Participation, and Democratic Legitimacy: Should Deliberative Mini-Publics Shape Public Policy?" Journal of Political Philosophy 23(1): 40-63.
- Sabel, Charles, Archon Fung and Bradley Karkkainen. 2000. Beyond Backyard Environmentalism. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Wampler, Brian. 2007. Participatory Budgeting in Brazil: Contestation, Cooperation, and Accountability. University Park, PA: Penn State Press.
- Warren, Mark E. and Hilary Pearse. 2008. Designing Deliberative Democracy: The British Columbia Citizens' Assembly. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Wednesday, May 17: Populism and Democracy in Crisis?

Session 5. *What is populism?*

Session 6. *The causes of transnational populism*

*View videos for session 5 and 6 before class

Required Reading:

Mudde, Cas, and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. "Studying populism in comparative perspective: Reflections on the contemporary and future research agenda." *Comparative Political Studies* 51, no. 13 (2018): 1667-1693.

Brubaker, Rogers. "Why populism?" *Theory and Society* 46, no. 5 (2017): 357-385.

Hopkin, Jonathan, and Mark Blyth. "The global economics of European populism: growth regimes and party system change in Europe (The Government and Opposition/Leonard Schapiro Lecture 2017)." *Government and Opposition* 54, no. 2 (2019): 193-225.

Further reading:

Anduiza, Eva, Marc Guinjoan, and Guillem Rico. "Populism, participation, and political equality." *European Political Science Review* 11, no. 1 (2019): 109-124.

Becker, Sascha O., Thiemo Fetzer, and Dennis Novy. "Who voted for Brexit? A comprehensive district-level analysis." *Economic Policy* 32, no. 92 (2017): 601-650.

Bonikowski, Bart. "Ethno-nationalist populism and the mobilization of collective resentment." *The British journal of sociology* 68 (2017): S181-S213.

Brubaker, Rogers. "Between nationalism and civilizationism: the European populist moment in comparative perspective." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40, no. 8 (2017): 1191-1226.

Bustikova, Lenka. "Revenge of the radical right." *Comparative Political Studies* 47, no. 12 (2014): 1738-1765.

Dzur, Albert W., and Carolyn M. Hendriks. "Thick populism: democracy-enhancing popular participation." *Policy Studies* 39, no. 3 (2018): 334-351.

Foa, Roberto Stefan and Yascha Mounk. "The signs of deconsolidation." *Journal of Democracy* 28, no. 1 (2017): 5-15.

Kenny, Paul D. *Populism and Patronage: why populists win elections in India, Asia, and Beyond*. Oxford University Press, 2017.

Mounk, Yascha. "Pitchfork Politics: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy." *Foreign Affairs* 93, no. 5 (2014): 27-36.

Müller, Jan-Werner. *What is Populism?* University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.

Rodrik, Dani. "Populism and the Economics of Globalization." *Journal of International Business Policy* (2018): 1-22.

Urbainati, Nadia. "Political theory of populism." *Annual Review of Political Science* (2018).

Thursday, May 18: Participation in Spanish Politics

Session 7. *Barcelona En Comú*

Session 8. *Podemos*

*View videos for session 7 and 8 before class

Required reading:

Barcelona En Comú. *How to Win Back the City: Guide to Building a Citizen Municipal Platform*. International Committee of Barcelona en Comú: Barcelona, Spain, 2016.

Zografos, Christos, Kai A. Klause, James JT Connolly, and Isabelle Anguelovski. 2020. "The everyday politics of urban transformational adaptation: Struggles for authority and the Barcelona superblock project." *Cities* 99: 102613.

Seguín, Bécquer. "Podemos and the Ideals of Populist Proceduralism." *Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies* 21 (2017): 287-309.

Further reading:

Borge Bravo, Rosa, and Eduardo Santamarina Sáez. 2016. "From protest to political parties: online deliberation in new parties in Spain." *Media Studies* 7(14): 104-122.

Eizaguirre, Santiago, Marc Pradel-Miquel, and Marisol García. "Citizenship practices and democratic governance: 'Barcelona en Comú' as an urban citizenship confluence promoting a new policy agenda." *Citizenship studies* 21, no. 4 (2017): 425-439.

Errejón, Íñigo, Chantal Mouffe, and Owen Jones. *Podemos: in the name of the people*. Lawrence & Wishart, 2016.

Kioupkiolis, Alexandros, and Francisco Seoane Pérez. "Reflexive technopopulism: Podemos and the search for a new left-wing hegemony." *European Political Science* (2018): 1-13.

Kioupkiolis, Alexandros. "Podemos: the ambiguous promises of left-wing populism in contemporary Spain." *Journal of Political Ideologies* 21, no. 2 (2016): 99-120.

Ramiro, Luis, and Raul Gomez. "Radical-left populism during the great recession: Podemos and its competition with the established radical left." *Political Studies* 65, no. 1_suppl (2017): 108-126.

Sola, Jorge, and César Rendueles. "Podemos, the upheaval of Spanish politics and the challenge of populism." *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 26, no. 1 (2018): 99-116.

Vittori, Davide. "Podemos and the Five-star Movement: Populist, nationalist or what?" *Contemporary Italian Politics* 9, no. 2 (2017): 142-161.

Friday, May 19: Globalization and Political Participation Session 9.

The democratic deficit in the EU and beyond

Session 10. *The prospects for global democracy*

*View videos for session 9 and 10 before class

Required reading:

Schmidt, Vivien A. 2013 "Democracy and legitimacy in the European Union revisited: Input, output and 'throughput'." *Political Studies* 61, no. 1: 2-22.

Dryzek, John S., André Bächtiger, Karolina Milewicz. 2011. "Toward a Deliberative Global Citizen's Assembly." *Global Policy* 2(1): 33-42.

Further reading:

- Berg, Monika, and Rolf Lidskog. 2018. "Deliberative democracy meets democratised science: A deliberative systems approach to global environmental governance." Environmental Politics 27, no. 1: 1-20.
- Blue, Gwendolyn. 2015. "Representing Global Public Concern: A Critical Analysis of the Danish Participatory Experiment on Climate Change." Environmental Values 24(4): 445-464.
- Brem-Wilson, Josh. 2015. "Towards Food Sovereignty: Interrogating Peasant Voice in the United Nations Committee on World Food Security." The Journal of Peasant Studies 42(1): 73-95.
- Dryzek, John S. 2010. Foundations and Frontiers of Deliberative Governance. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 177-198.
- Dryzek, John S. 2011. "Global democracy and earth system governance." Ecological Economics 70: 1865-1874.
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- Follesdal, Andreas. "The legitimacy deficits of the European Union." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 14, no. 4 (2006): 441-468.
- Follesdal, Andreas, and Simon Hix. "Why there is a democratic deficit in the EU: A response to Majone and Moravcsik." *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 44, no. 3 (2006): 533-562.
- Held, David. 2010. Cosmopolitanism: Ideal and Realities. Malden, Mass.: Polity Press, pp. 27-66.
- Majone, Giandomenico. "Europe's 'democratic deficit': The question of standards." European law journal 4, no. 1 (1998): 5-28.
- Moravcsik, Andrew. "Reassessing legitimacy in the European Union." *JCMS: journal of common market studies* 40, no. 4 (2002): 603-624.
- Ruggie, John Gerard. 2004. "Reconstituting the Global Public Domain: Issues, Actors, and Practices." European Journal of International Relations 10(4): 499-531.