

POLS*4050 (01)
ADVANCED TOPICS IN LAW AND POLITICS

(COMPARATIVE JUDICIAL POLITICS)

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Overview

This ‘capstone’ seminar engages some of the main debates in judicial politics. From a comparative perspective, we will be looking at cross-national patterns in the judicialization of politics, the origins of more autonomous courts, and the implications for politics in general and policymaking in particular. The course will be informed by examples from the Global North and South.

Required Readings

All the required readings are available on CourseLink. The final list of required readings (taken from the list below) will be set within 48 hours after the end of our first class, once students select the reading on which they want to do their presentation.

Format and Requirements

This course is structured in **seminar format**. As such, it is based on the active and sustained participation of students who are expected to have read all of the assigned material prior to class. This is necessary to have meaningful and fruitful debate and discussion. Participation is therefore a critical component of the course and its success depends upon it. The course will be delivered through Zoom. Students must have an account.

The requirements for the course are as follows:

Participation:	20%
Article Presentation:	30%
Research Paper:	50%