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Assessment

Students will be assessed on the basis of a term paper (around 4,000 words) to be submitted at the end of the course. The term paper will weigh around 80%. The remaining 20% will be based on the participation to class room discussions.

The course does not intend to impose any particular ideological point of view or policy position. Rather, it aims to encourage each student to develop his/her own understanding of the varied and complex patterns which characterise political and social changes. Therefore, arguments in the term paper or class room discussion need not necessarily coincide with the views of the lecturer. The term paper, however, must be well researched and clearly argued.

Weekly schedule and reading materials (see the reading list for the details)

- Week 1 Introduction: Political Institutions and Governance
Required reading: Lijphart, Sartori
- Week 2 Democracy and Democratisation
Required reading: Lijphart
- Week 3 Invasion, Conquest, Settler Society and Intergenerational Justice
Required reading: Day
- Week 4 Migration and Ethnic Politics
Required reading: Castles & Miller, Lake & Reynolds, Jupp,
- Week 5 Military in Politics
Required reading: Johnson, Dower, Klein, Kinzer
- Week 6 Environmental, Agrarian Politics and disaster management
Required reading: Cleary, Flannery, Diamond
- Week 7 Political Culture and Political Legitimacy
Required reading: Inglehart, Sandel
- Week 8 Gender, Religion and Revolutionary Change in Politics
Required reading: Dahlerup, Inglehart & Norris, Rudd (2006), Ansary, Saikul, Kinzer
- Week 9 Political Economy of Development and Governance
Required reading: Klein, Rudd (2009)
- Week 10 Civil Society, Social Movements and the future of democracy

Required reading list

- Ansary, Tamim, 2009, Destiny Disrupted: a History of the World through Islamic Eyes, PublicAffairs, New York.
- Castles, Stephen & Miller, Mark J., 2009, The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World fourth edition, Palgrave Macmillan, London.
- Clearly, Paul, 2012, Mine-Field: The Dark Side of Australia's Resources Rush, Black Inc., Collingwood.
- Dahlerup, Drude, 2005, Political Parties as Gatekeepers to Equal Political Representation, paper for IPSA World Congress.
- Day, David, 2005, Conquest: A New History of the Modern World, Harper Collins, Sydney.
- Diamond, Jared, 2005, Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, Viking, New York.
- Dower, John W, 2011, Cultures of War, WW Norton, New York.
- Flannery, Tim, 2006, We Are the Weather Makers: the story of global warming, Penguin Books.
- Inglehart, Ronald, 1997, Modernization and Postmodernization: Cultural, Economic, and Political Change in 43 Societies, Princeton University Press, Princeton.
- , and Pippa Norris, 2003, Rising Tide: Gender Equality and Cultural Change Around the World, Cambridge University Press.
- Johnson, Chalmers, 2004, The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic, Metropolitan Books, New York.
- , 2007, The Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic, Metropolitan Books, New York.
- , 2010, Dismantling the Empire: America's Last Best Hope, Metropolitan Books, New York.
- Jupp, James, 2002, From White Australia to Woomera: the story of Australian immigration, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Kinzer, Stephen, 2006, Overthrow: America's Century of regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq, Times Books, New York.
- Klein, Naomi, 2007, The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism, Picador, New York.
- Lake Marilyn & Reynolds, Henry, 2008, Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the International Challenge of Racial Equality, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Lijphart, Arend, 1999, Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performances in Thirty-six Countries, Yale University Press, New Haven.
- Rudd, Kevin, 2006, "Faith in Politics", in The Monthly, Issue 17, October 2006.
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- Saikal, Amin, 2003, Islam and the West: Conflict or Cooperation?, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke.
- Sandel, Michael, 2012, What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets, Allen Lane,
- Sartori, Giovanni, 1976, Parties and Party Systems: A Framework for Analysis, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- , 1997, Comparative Constitutional Engineering: An Inquiry into Structures, Incentives and Outcomes, 2nd edition, Macmillan, London.

Recommended reading

- Cleary, Paul, 2011, Too Much Luck: The Mining Boom and Australia's Future, Blac Inc., Collingwood.
- Crenson, Matthew A. & Ginsberg, Benjamin, 2002, Downsizing Democracy: How America Sidelined Its Citizens and Privatized Its Public, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore.
- Diamond, Jared, 1997, Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies, WW Norton, New York.
- Hage, Ghassan, 1998, White Nation: fantasies of White supremacy in a multicultural society, Pluto Press, Annandale.
- , 2003, Against Paranoid Nationalism: Searching for hope in a shrinking society, Pluto Press, Annandale.
- Hooper, Chloe, 2008, The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island, Hamish Hamilton, Camberwell.
- Inglehart, Ronald, 1977, The Silent Revolution: Changing values and Political Styles among Western Publics, Princeton University Press, Princeton.
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- Johnson, Chalmers, 2000, Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire, Owl Books, New York.
- Kelsey, Jane, (ed.), 2010, No Ordinary Deal: Unmasking the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.
- Linz, Juan and Arturo Valenzuela, 1994, The Failure of Presidential Democracy, Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore.
- McKnight, David, 2005, Beyond Right and Left: new politics and the culture wars, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.
- Maddox, Marion, 2005, God under Howard: The rise of the religious right in Australian politics, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.
- Marr, David & Wilkinson, Marian, 2003, Dark Victory, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.
- Megalogenis, George, 2008, The Longest Decade, revised and updated edition, Scribe Publications, Carlton North
- Mukerjee, Madhusree, 2010, Churchill's Secret War: The British and the Ravaging of India during World War II, Basic Books, New York.
- Pearse, Guy, 2007, High & Dry: John Howard, climate change and the selling of Australia's future, Penguin Books Australia, Camberwell.
- Said, Edward W., 1997, Covering Islam, Vintage, London.
- Saul, John Ralston, 1997, The Unconscious Civilization, The Free Press.
- , 2005, The Collapse of Globalism and the Reinvention of the World, Viking.
- Sutton, Peter, 2009, The Politics of Suffering: Indigenous Australia and the end of the liberal consensus, Melbourne University Press, Carlton.
- Trinca, Helen & Anne Davies, 2000, Waterfront: The Battle that Changed Australia, Doubleday, Milsons Point.