

POLITICAL ANALYSIS

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This course provides an introduction to methodological issues faced in empirical work across the social sciences, with primary reference to political science. The issues addressed here are intended to apply to any empirical approach -- qualitative or quantitative, experimental or observational -- and to any sort of theory, whether descriptive or causal. That said, the emphasis of the course is primarily on causal inference (rather than description) and the explanation of classes of events (rather than particular events), since these are the preoccupations of the disciplines today.

This is not a course in statistics. However, it will be very helpful to have some familiarity with this important set of topics. To this end, I strongly advise that you take concurrently, or have taken previously, an introductory course in statistics, such as PO841. As a second-best alternative, I suggest reading an introductory text on the subject (see syllabus appendix for suggestions).

The course is designed primarily for graduate students. Qualified undergraduates may also be considered if circumstances warrant, but must receive the permission of the instructor. Students are advised to take this class in their first semester, as the ground covered here will be useful for substantive work in all subfields (except Political Theory). There are no pre-requisites, although the student is assumed to have a background in political science.

GRADES: Your grade for this class will be comprised of three components, equally weighted: a) participation (serving as class discussant at one meeting, presenting your own proposal at another meeting, attendance, and general class discussion); b) a final exam; and c) an original research proposal, presumed to be the beginning of your dissertation prospectus. Instructions regarding the proposal are contained in a separate document, to be posted on the course web site.

Nota bene: Since the class meets a limited number of times throughout the semester, only *one* excused absence will be granted. I shall overlook the first class meeting, which is largely organizational; further absences will be penalized. Late papers will also be penalized. No excused absences, makeups, extensions, or incompletes will be granted without documentation of medical, religious or personal reasons, or for official Boston University business. If you will be missing class for religious reasons you must inform me of these dates *during the first week of class*.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Whether this course is enlightening or not will depend primarily upon how students contribute to the process. I expect active participation from all students in every session. I do *not* wish to lecture extensively. Nor do I intend to act as quiz-master, eliciting points. I will play this role if necessary, though I am hoping that the discussants will relieve me of this burden. To reiterate: you must participate regularly in order to get a good grade in this class. Shyness, or unfamiliarity with the English language, is no excuse. This is a talking profession. Yadayadayada. Please be attentive to standard rules of decorum: avoid dogmatism, respect others' views, and try to move class discussion forward (pay attention to what others say and respond to the previous point).

DISCUSSANT: Each person will be responsible (singly or in tandem with someone else) for leading class

discussion for one or two meetings. Your job is to raise questions, to correct mistakes (or at least offer your own opinion, when you have a different interpretation), and in general to ensure that everyone understands the issues raised by the readings for that week. In other words, you're the instructor. I must emphasize that *this does not let others off the hook for doing careful reading that week*. No free-riding.

PRESENTING YOUR PROPOSAL IN CLASS: At the beginning of the semester you will sign up to present your proposal at a specific class meeting. Only one student will present at each class meeting so we need to space these presentations out over the course of the semester. The advantage of going early in the semester is that it will force you to get started and you will get our feedback at an early stage. The disadvantage, evidently, is that you will have less time to construct your proposal.

In any case, what you present to us is up to you. Keep in mind that the more finished this product is, the better, and more useful, our feedback will be. If you present only a paragraph then you'll have to spend most of the time telling us more about your project and this will take away from more specific comments that you might receive from the class. Thus, it is in your interest to construct as complete a proposal as you can within the time constraints of the semester. The point to remember is that you will be graded only on the final product – what you turn in at the end of the semester. Thus, the presentation is entirely for *your* benefit. Use it wisely by preparing as good a proposal as you can and by listening carefully (and taking notes) on what members of the class have to say. I hope that the class will function like a dissertation-writing workshop (which I strongly advise you to create, once you reach that stage). I want us each to help each other. Note that I also usually present work-in-progress, so this is truly a community activity.

Please send everyone a copy of your proposal via email by noon one day before the day you are to present. We will critique, and praise, each proposal in class. Ideally, your written proposal will speak for itself, though you will have a chance, of course, to respond to comments and to expatiate on your ideas.

While the primary beneficiary of each of these class discussions will presumably be the writer of that day's proposal, I also expect this to be a learning experience for the rest of us. My own experience is that one learns as much from one's colleagues' successes and failures as one does from general reading about methodological principles or highly polished academic articles. So, the discussion of proposals is an integral part of the course. I hope that you will read each others' work carefully -- out of a sense of mutual obligation *and* as a model for things you might wish to explore (or avoid) in your own work.

FINAL EXAM: The final exam will cover everything -- all required reading and all in-class discussion. (Many of the questions on the final will have been discussed in class.) It is a closed-book, closed-note test -- just you and the exam. I strongly encourage you to take notes during class and on the readings and to study in small groups for the final. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to pull things together if you have only the readings to fall back on at the end of the semester.

READINGS: The reading for graduate courses is extensive; this course is no exception. Remember that you will also have a proposal to read, in addition to the assigned reading, for most class sessions. As it is, we are barely scratching the surface of this vast subject matter. In addition, we must bear with a semester that is unusually short (spring semester is longer at BU, for some reason). Each week's reading will probably take you more than one night to get through. Do not wait until the night before to start reading!

NOTATION: Readings marked by an asterisk are required. * = To purchase ** = To be posted on the class web site (*Courseinfo*) *** = Available on-line. Please bring all required readings to class so that we can refer to specific passages. Some readings are assigned twice on the syllabus; if so, the second assignment is marked as "review." Readings *not* marked by an asterisk are suggested, but not required. Additional examples for a subset of topics may be found on my PO502 syllabus (posted on my BU homepage).

TO PURCHASE: (check *Fetchbook.info* for used editions)

*Gerring, John. 2007. *Case Study Research: Principles and Practices*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

*Kuhn, Thomas S. 1962/1970. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

RECOMMENDED:

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Introduction (9/2)

Guest: TBA.

Sign up for class presentations.

Readings:

**Gerring, John. "Writing Your Proposal." [Describes the class writing assignment, due at the end of the semester.]

**Gerring, John. 2009. *Social Science Methodology: A Criterial Framework, 2d ed.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Preface, chs 1-3]

Description

Descriptive Inference (9/9)

Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

Interpretivism...

**Geertz, Clifford. 1973. "Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture." In *The Interpretation of Cultures* (New York: Basic Books).

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Measurement and Reliability...

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Duncan, Otis Dudley. 1984. *Notes on Social Measurement: Historical and Critical*. New York: Russell Sage. [From the

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Judd, Charles M.; Gary H. McClelland. 1998. "Measurement." In D.T. Gilbert, S.T. Fiske, and G. Lindzey (eds), *The Handbook of Social Psychology* (Boston: McGraw-Hill). [From the perspective of psychology.]

Tinsley, Howard E.A.; David J. Weiss. 1975. "Inter-rater Reliability and Agreement of Subjective Judgments." *Journal of Counseling Psychology* 22, 358-76.

Traub, Ross E. 1994. *Reliability for the Social Sciences: Theory and Applications*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Velleman, Paul F.; Leland Wilkinson. 1993. "Nominal, Ordinal, Interval, and Ratio Typologies are Misleading." *American Statistician* 47, 65-72.

Weller, Susan C.; A. Kimball Romney. 1988. *Systematic Data Collection*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage. [From the perspective of quantitative anthropology.]

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Techniques (9/16)

Field Research, Ethnography...

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- Liebow, Elliot. 1967. *Tally's Corner: A Study of Negro Streetcorner Men*. Boston: Little, Brown.
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Causation

General Considerations (9/23)

Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

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Experiments and Quasi-Experiments (9/30)

Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

General discussion...

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Proposal:

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Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

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Case Studies: Variants, Examples, Extensions (10/28)

Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

***In addition to a short reading assignment, everyone will look for case studies in a political science journal. First, two people will choose a journal to focus on from the following list (others may be considered with my approval): APSR, JOP, BJPS, Comparative Politics, International Security, SCID, CPS, PRQ. Second, without collaborating with your counterpart, identify case study articles that have appeared over the past five years (following the definition of "case study" provided in Gerring 2007). Finally (again without collaboration), construct a table with the following columns: 1) Author and year of publication ("Harris 1990" [put complete citations for each article in a list of references at the end]); 2) Main thesis; 3) Classification of thesis as descriptive or causal; 4) Population (scope) of the thesis; 5) Internal validity (assign a grade of 1-5 according to how strong the evidence seems); 6) External validity (grade from 1-5); 7) Theoretical contribution (grade from 1-5). In class, you will present and compare your findings, including a more detailed presentation of the article (or one of the articles) that you assigned the highest score to.

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Some Difficult Causal Issues

The Role of Ideas, Ideologies, and Political Cultures (11/4)

Discussant:

Proposal:

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The Subfield of International Relations (11/18)

Discussant:

Proposal:

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General...

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Conclusions

First draft of research proposal due (9:00 pm, 11/23)

Turn in your drafts by email attachment in Word format. I will try to return them to you in a week.

Philosophy of Science (11/25)

Discussant:

Proposal:

Readings:

General treatments...

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Interpretivism...

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Final Exam (TBA)

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