

Course Schedule

WEEK 1

Tuesday (16.07.2019) – Introductory day

Welcoming lecture (Levente Littvay), 60 min (lecture)

Experimental Design (Gabor Simonovits), 120 min (seminar)

Wednesday (17.07.2019) – Block I: Introduction to Political Psychology

This block is devoted to an introduction to Political Psychology. We start with some of the key approaches that will include the Five Factor model of personality and the relationship between personality and ideology. Specifically, we will investigate the psychology of personality and individual differences and their effects on political behavior and the development of political ideology. We conclude with a short introduction to psychometrics and how experiments work and how they are used in Political Psychology.

The Psychology of Individual Differences (Stanley Feldman), 100 (seminar)

Personality and Political Ideology (Stanley Feldman), 100 (seminar)

Introduction to psychometrics and experiments (Cengiz Erisen and Elif Erisen), 100 min (seminar)

Thursday (18.07.2019) – Block II: Theoretical Approaches & Levels of Analysis: A Focus on the Individual and the Group

Politics is shaped by both individual and group level forces. In this block, we focus on the basic theory and evidence concerning the psychology of intergroup behavior and the way in which these forces shape political behavior, including ideological identities and conflict. Key approaches covered include social identity theory, realistic group conflict, and intergroup emotions theory.

The Psychology of Intergroup Relations (Leonie Huddy), 100 (seminar)

Political Identities and Cohesion (Leonie Huddy), 100 (seminar)

Friday (19.07.2019) -Workshops

This workshop session provides participants with practical skills to increase the likelihood to get published, gather feedback from other participants, and faculty and present their work in an academic format.

Workshop on publishing (Everyone), 100 min (workshop, roundtable, discussion)

Student presentations (Everyone), 200 minutes (workshop)

Weekend – Social Events

WEEK 2

Monday (22.07.2019) -Workshops

This workshop session provides participants with practical skills to write a grant proposal, gather feedback from other participants and faculty, and present their work in an academic format.

Workshop on grant writing (Levente Littvay with participation from everyone else), 100 min (workshop, roundtable, discussion)

Student presentations (Everyone), 200 minutes (workshop)

Tuesday (23.07.2019) – Block III: The Dynamics of Political Attitudes and Action

Political behavior is complicated and rarely explained by just one set of factors. The seminars in this block will focus on specific political topics that require an understanding of political psychology at the individual, group, and contextual level, and the interaction of these factors. Several special topics will be examined from this perspective, including the political effects of religion and morality as especially powerful political forces.

Understanding Authoritarianism (Stanley Feldman), 100 min (seminar)

National Identity (Leonie Huddy), 100 min (seminar)

The political psychology of nationalism from an IR perspective (Erin Jenne), 100 min (seminar)

Wednesday (24.07.2019) – Block IV: Individual and Social Precedents of Attitudes and Behavior

The study of political psychology covers a large body of interdisciplinary work exploring both individual level factors and social influences, especially in the fast-growing connected world. The seminars in this block will investigate how emotion-driven biases and social contexts influence political attitudes, decisions, and preferences. Taking a comparative approach with emphasis on immigration and refugees, subjects in this block will explain the causes and consequences of the growing tide of populism across the globe.

Emotions, Motivated Biases, and Political Evaluations (Cengiz Erisen), 100 min (seminar)

Immigration, Integration, and Political Attitudes (Elif Erisen), 100 min (seminar)

Intolerance and Social Distrust as Foundations of Growing Populism (Cengiz Erisen), 100 min (seminar)

Thursday (25.07.2019) – Closing

Faculty presentations, 120 min

Keynote lecture (Levente Littvay), 30 min