

Ph.D. Course at the Social Science Faculty, fall 2019

Political Psychology

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Course description

This Ph.D.-course deals with theoretical and empirical approaches to the study of Political Psychology. Political psychology focuses on applying what is known about human psychology to the study of politics. This course starts out with an overview of various theoretical approaches that have provided the basis for the field, for example, rational choice theory, theories focusing on the role of emotion, on social identity, on personality features and cognition. It also gives a brief overview of some of the methodological approaches that are used in the field. The course then presents several applied topics, focusing on the decisions and behavior of individuals at the mass level, and at the elite level. The course will deal with questions such as, ‘How do personality traits influence political behavior?’, ‘Why do some individuals become radicalized?’, and ‘How do destructive leaders interact with their followers?’

- *Language:* The course is held entirely in English.
- *Directors:* Hanna Bäck (Hanna.Back@svet.lu.se), Magnus Lindén (Magnus.Linden@psy.lu.se).

Course goals

The goal of the course is that the participants, after course completion, will be able to:

- (1) *Understand psychological theories about political actors and their behavior;*
- (2) *Explain political behavior resulting from decision-making and human psychology;*
- (3) *Reflect over methodological approaches and problems within the field of political psychology.*

Course format and examination

The main part of the teaching consists of two/three-hour seminars, which include two parts: (1) a presentation by the lecturer(s), and (2) a more independent part, which includes group discussions. For the later part, each participant should come up with two questions to discuss, based on the readings.

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. To be awarded a passing grade the Ph.D. student must fulfil the learning outcomes specified. The participants are expected to:

- Write a course paper (ca 5 000 words) on a self-selected topic dealing with political psychology;
- Present the course paper and act as discussant on another participant’s paper;
- Actively participate in the seminars; and send in questions to discuss for each seminar.

Course literature

Books

Huddy, L., D.O. Sears, J.S. Levy (eds.). 2013. *Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology: Second Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press (selected chapters, see list below, available online).

Articles and book chapters

Altemeyer, Bob. 2004. "Highly dominating, highly authoritarian personalities". *The Journal of Social Psychology*, 144, 421-447.

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- Holman, Mirya R., Jennifer L. Merolla, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2016. "Terrorist Threat, Male Stereotypes, and Candidate Evaluations." *Political Research Quarterly* 69:134–47.
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- King, Michael & Donald M. Taylor. 2011. "The radicalization of homegrown jihadists: A review of the theoretical models and social psychological evidence. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 23, 602-622
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Short course outline (topics + schedule)

Lecture	Topic	Question/info	Teacher	Date	Time	Room
1	Introduction	Course info, theoretical & methodological approaches	Hanna Bäck & Magnus Lindén	Mon 4 Nov	13-15	Eden 367
2	Personality and political behavior	How do personality features influence political behavior?	Hanna Bäck & Magnus Lindén	Fri 8 Nov	9-12	Eden 366
3	Polarization, radicalization and terrorism	Is the electorate becoming more polarized? Why do people become radicalized and/or engage in terrorist acts?	Hanna Bäck & Magnus Lindén	Thurs 14 Nov	9-12	Eden 367
4	Political leadership: gender stereotypes & destructive traits	How do destructive political leaders interact with their followers? What is the role of gender stereotypes in leadership behavior?	Hanna Bäck & Magnus Lindén	Wed 20 Nov	9-12	Eden 367
5	Political leadership: foreign policy	Which leadership traits and belief systems are important for understanding foreign policy?	Roxanna Sjöstedt	Tues 26 Nov	10-12	Eden 367
6	Final seminar	Presentation of research papers	Hanna Bäck & Magnus Lindén	Mon 2 Dec	9-13	Eden 367

Detailed course outline (literature)

Lecture 1 (Hanna and Magnus): Introduction to Political Psychology

- Brader, T., and G.E. Marcus. 2013. "Emotion and Political Psychology". In Huddy, L., D.O. Sears, J.S. Levy (eds.). *Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology: Second Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.
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Lecture 2 (Hanna and Magnus): Personality and political behavior

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Lecture 3 (Hanna and Magnus): Polarization, radicalization and terrorism

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Lecture 4 (Hanna and Magnus): Political leadership: the role of gender and destructive traits

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Lecture 5 (Roxanna): Political leadership and foreign policy

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Lecture 6 (Hanna and Magnus): Final seminar

Preparations

- Prepare a 10-minute presentation of your course paper, using some presentation tool (e.g. ppt).
 - Prepare a 10-minute discussion of one of the other participant's paper.
 - Read all the papers of the participants in the group.
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