UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

POLITICAL SCIENCE 110H:
DEMOCRACY & ITS CRITICS

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

This is a course on the concept of democracy. One of the significant qualities of democracy is that it serves as its own best critic. This course takes a historical and conceptual look at the evolution of democracy in politics touching on its early Greek iteration as well as the rise of democracy in the 18th century, all with an eye to the contemporary problems facing democracy in an increasingly globalized world.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Readings denoted by (B) can be purchased at the Student Bookstore.

 Those denoted by (e) are accessible through UCSD’s e-reserves. Go to http://roger.ucsd.edu/ and follow the links for “Course Reserves.”

(*) Additional materials, including lecture slides, handouts, and paper prompts, will be available on the course website: http://ajplyon.wordpress.com/teaching/ps-110h-democracy-amp-its-critics-fall/

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Response Journals (3 of 5) 20%
Long Paper (7-8 pages) 40%
Final Exam 40%

Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to pass the course.
**Week 0**

9/23  Introduction: Democracy and Its Critics

**Week 1**

9/28  Democracy as a Value


9/30  Living in a Democratic World - Pluralism


**Week 2**

10/5-7  What is Liberty?

- (B) John Stuart Mill (1859), On Liberty.

**Week 3**

10/12  Liberty and Public Space

- (e) Ben Barber (2001), “Malled, Mauled, and Overhauled: Arresting Suburban Sprawl by Transforming Suburban Malls into Usable Civic Space.”
  
- **DUE/ RESPONSE JOURNAL #1**

10/14  The Danger of Democracy – In Need of Authority

- (B) Thomas Hobbes (1651), Leviathan, Chapters Introduction, 6, 13, 14, 16-18, 21-22, 29

**Week 4**

10/19  The Danger of Democracy – In Need of Authority

- (B) Thomas Hobbes continued

10/21  Representation – Athenian Democracy & Selection by Lot

- (e) Bernard Manin (1997), selection from The Principles of Representative Government.

- **DUE/ RESPONSE JOURNAL #2**

**Week 5**

10/26  Representation – What does it mean to represent?

- (e) Hanna Pitkin (1967), selection from The Concept of Representation.
10/28 **DEMOCRACY AS REVOLUTIONARY**
- **DUE/ RESPONSE JOURNAL #3**

**WEEK 6**

11/2 **DEMOCRACY AS DISRUPTION**

11/4 **DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES**

**WEEK 7**

11/9 **COMPETING UNDERSTANDINGS OF EQUALITY**
- (e) FA Hayek (1960), “Merit, Value, Equality.”
- **DUE/ RESPONSE JOURNAL #4**

11/11 **VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**

**WEEK 8**

11/16 **THE ARGUMENT FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE**
- (B) John Locke (1689), *A Letter Concerning Toleration*.

11/18 **THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF TOLERANCE**
- (e) Herbert Marcuse (1965), “Repressive Tolerance.”
- **DUE/ LONG PAPER**

**WEEK 9**

11/23 **DEBATING TOLERANCE AND EQUALITY – “THE SCARF AFFAIR”**

11/25 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – NO CLASS**
WEEK 10

11/30  GLOBAL POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY
       • (e) James Tully (2009), “Democracy and Globalization: A
         Defeasible Sketch.”
       • DUE/ RESPONSE JOURNAL #5

12/2  COURSE CONCLUSION / FINAL REVIEW

FINALS WEEK

12/7  TUESDAY: FINAL EXAM, 8-11AM

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship must be observed for this
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   http://infopath-1.ucsd.edu/catalog/front/AcadRegu.html

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