

Spring 2007
Poli. Sci. 103B/U.S.P. 113
Tues./Thurs. 8:00-9:20 p.m.
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POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines politics and policymaking in the five-county Los Angeles region. It explores the historical development of the city, suburbs, and region; politics, power, and governance; and major policy challenges facing the city and metropolitan area.

II. COURSE OUTLINE

- A. Introduction to the Course.
- B. Situating Los Angeles: Regional, State, National and Global Significance.
- C. Historical Development, 1850-1973.
- D. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race, Labor and Growth, 1973-1993.
- E. Rebuilding and Restructuring L.A.: Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn, and Antonio Villaraigosa, 1993-2006.
- F. Regional Growth and Planning: Suburbanization and Sprawl.
- G. Regional Policy Issues.
- H. W(h)ither Southern California? The Politics of Water.

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Grades
Your course grade is based upon a midterm and non-cumulative final examination. Essay and short answer questions will cover both lectures and readings. Please make sure to bring large (8.5" x 11") bluebooks and pens to both of these examinations.
- B. Books to be purchased
 1. Robert M. Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis: Los Angeles, 1850-1930* (University of California Press, 1993).
 2. Raphael J. Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles* (Princeton University Press, 1993).
 3. William Fulton, *The Reluctant Metropolis: The Politics of Urban Growth in Los Angeles* (The John Hopkins University Press, 2001).
 4. Jennifer Wolch et al, *Up Against the Sprawl: Public Policy and the Making of Southern California* (University of Minnesota Press, 2004).
 5. Steven P. Erie, *Beyond 'Chinatown': The Metropolitan Water District, Growth, and the Environment in Southern California* (Stanford University Press, 2006).

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

April 3	A. Introduction to the Course.
April 5	B. Situating Los Angeles. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. xv-xxvi Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 1-20. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. vii-ix, pp. 1-41.
April 10, 12	C. Historical Development, 1850-1973 1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads & Real Estate 2. Political Infrastructure: The City Charter. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 1-134.
April 17, 19	C. Historical Development (continued) 3. The Politics of Progressivism 4. Postwar Political and Economic Development. Fogelson, <i>The Fragmented Metropolis</i> , pp. 136-276.
April 24, 26	D. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race, Labor and Growth, 1973-1993. Sonenshein, <i>Politics in Black and White</i> , all.
May 1	E. Rebuilding and Restructuring L.A.: Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa, 1993-2007.
May 3	MIDTERM EXAMINATION. A review Session will be held on Wednesday, May 2 (Time TBA).
May 8, 10	F. Regional Growth and Planning: Suburbanization and Sprawl. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 21-223.
May 15, 17	F. Regional Growth and Planning (continued) G. Regional Policy Issues 1. Immigration and Housing. Fulton, <i>The Reluctant Metropolis</i> , pp. 225-359. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. 71-150.
May 22, 24	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 2. Transportation 3. Public Finance 4. Smart Growth Movement. Wolch, <i>Up Against the Sprawl</i> , pp. 151-371.
May 29, May 31	G. Regional Policy Issues (continued) 5. Globalization and Restructuring H. W(h)ither Southern California? The Politics of Water. Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , pp. 1-132.
June 5, 7	H. The Politics of Water (continued). Erie, <i>Beyond 'Chinatown'</i> , pp. 133-265.
June 13	FINAL EXAMINATION. 7-10 p.m. (Please note that final occurs on a Wednesday).