Introduction
Diversity remains one of the most important characteristics of contemporary societies. Not only does it describe society, but how states respond to diversity – be it cultural, racial, ethnic, religious, or linguistic diversity – can define the boundaries and limits of belonging in a country. Diversity thus presents pressing societal and political challenges – some normative, some practical – and how states address these challenges forms the basis of the politics of multiculturalism. This course examines the core debates in the politics of multiculturalism, including normative questions over how states ought to respond to varying forms of diversity and whether minority groups have the right to recognition or accommodation, as well as empirical debates about the implications of diversity, the linkages between immigration and either the embrace or retreat from multiculturalism, the sources of anti-“other” sentiment, and the political utility that concepts such as “culture,” “race,” and “ethnicity” have.

Requirements
- Midterm, 2/7/14, (multiple-choice and short-answer questions) 30%
- Final Exam, 3/17/14, (multiple-choice, short-answer, and essay questions) 40% (Comprehensive)
- Paper 20%
- Lecture Participation 10%
- Note: please check your emails and TED often – I send updates throughout the quarter

Readings (all readings and other course materials will be posted on TED)
Note on readings: The majority of what you will need to know for your exams will come from lecture. I thus recommend skimming through the readings prior to each unit (e.g., review the Race, Ethnicity, and the Categorization of Difference readings before week 3). As we go through each lecture, note to yourself which readings are discussed most prominently. When it comes time for your exams – (1) attending lecture, (2) reviewing the lecture slides (which will be posted on TED), and (3) carefully reviewing the readings that feature most prominently in the lectures – provides one recipe for success.

Culture, Difference, and The Politics of Multiculturalism


No Class 1/20/13

Race, Ethnicity, and the Categorization of Difference


Recommended


Week 4-5


Recommended


Midterm Review, 2/5/14

Midterm, 2/7/14

Multiculturalism in Practice: The State and Society (the empirical implications of week 3)

Week 6-7


Recommended


Redzo Mujic and Paul Frijters. 2013. “Still Not Allowed on the Bus: It Matters If You’re Black or White!”


No Class 2/17/14

Group Identity, Political Participation, and Democratic Representation (the empirical implications of weeks 4-5)


Hispanic Center.


**Recommended**


**Pew Hispanic Center.** 2012. *A Record 24 Million Latinos Are Eligible to Vote, But Turnout Rate Has Lagged That of Whites, Blacks.* Pew Hispanic Center.


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**Immigration and Multiculturalism**

**Week 8-9**


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**Recommended**


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**Wrap Up**

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