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Hanyang International Summer School

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Course Information	Class No.	TBA	Course Code	PPL2010	Credits	3
	Course Name	Contemporary Political Theories				
	Lecture Schedule	Mon-Thu /				
	Course Description	This course will examine contemporary approaches toward diverse political topics we face in the world today, characterized by globalization, increasing connectivity, and diversity.				
	Course Objective	Students will learn recent debates over topics of fake news, polarization, populism, globalization, and pandemic politics. Students will learn basic concepts and theories to understand and discuss recent political issues. Students are expected to further their understanding of political topics from an analytical perspective and to develop abilities to critically think about and better engage with the political phenomena around them. This course utilizes group work activities and collaborative learning.				
	Prerequisite	There are no formal prerequisites for this course. Any introductory course on Comparative Politics, Political Behavior, or Methods may prove helpful, but key concepts used in class will be introduced and discussed at length as we go along.				
	Materials/Textbooks	<p>This seminar covers a wide range of topics in contemporary political science. For each weekly topic, there will be a set of essential required readings as well as other recommended/further readings. The recommended readings are optional, but strongly recommended for students who want to further study the topic. We will read and utilize academic articles, book chapters, and materials from various resources (including news media, podcasts, blogs, etc.). You are expected to understand the key arguments, core concepts, logic, and evidence to support the arguments (You don't need to fully understand all the methodological details). The essential readings will be available through the course website. Please refer to the below schedule.</p> <p>In addition to these readings, students are encouraged to read regularly "good" newspapers, newscasts, or a growing number of good resources devoted to political issues and political science.</p>				

Evaluation	Attendance	10%	Quiz	20%
	Assignment	%	Mid-term Exam	%
	Presentation	%	Final Exam	30%
	Group Project	20%	Participation	20%
	Etc.	Evaluation Item		Ratio
Daily Lecture Plan	Week 1	Day 1	1. Introduction	
		Day 2	2. Contemporary Issues in Politics and Political Science	
		Day 3	3. Fake News and Political Misinformation 1	
		Day 4	- What is fake news? Why do people believe it? Do we need to worry about fake news? 4. Fake News and Political Misinformation 2 - How does fake news spread? What can we do about it?	
	Week 2	Day 1	5. Social Media and Politics 1	
		Day 2	- How does social media different from traditional media? What are the positive and negative effects of social media?	
		Day 3		
		Day 4	6. Social Media and Politics 2 - What are the implications of new media for democracy? 7. Affective Polarization and Partisanship 1 - (How) are we polarized? What is affective polarization? What is partisanship and why does it matter? 8. Affective Polarization and Partisanship 2 - What makes us hate others?	
	Week 3	Day 1	9. Affective Polarization and Partisanship 3	
		Day 2	- Does (affective) polarization hurt (or help) democracy? How?	
		Day 3	10. Globalization and Backlash 1	
		Day 4	- What is globalization? What is the current status of globalization? Why does it matter for democracy? 11. Globalization and Backlash 2 - what explains the backlash to globalization? How does it shape our political conditions? 12. The Rise of Populism 1 - What is populism? Why does it matter?	
	Week 4	Day 1	13. The Rise of Populism 2	
		Day 2	- Where is populism from? How should we respond to it?	
		Day 3	14. Pandemic Politics 1	
		Day 4	- Why do we care about social and political factors in dealing with the current/future pandemic? 15. Pandemic Politics 2, Review & Wrap UP	



		<p>- What does the pandemic have anything to do with international/world politics?</p> <p>16. Final Exam</p>
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