What does the future hold for democracy across the globe? This seminar focuses on the challenges to, and possibilities for, democracy in the 21st century. During the fall semester of this yearlong course, the students will read and discuss the classic and contemporary literature on democracy. These readings will cover such topics as democracy and distribution; the prospects for democracy in Latin America, China, Africa, and the Middle East; and democracy and US national security.

In the spring semester, the class will become a workshop focused on student projects. By Monday October 27, each student should notify the instructor of his or her project and submit a three page prospectus for approval. At the end of the fall semester a 5-8 page memo on research progress will be due. A draft paper will be due at the beginning of the spring semester. In addition to presenting their own papers, each student will be required to act as a discussant on two other papers and to send two page written reports to the authors of six papers.

Grading:

For the fall semester students will either receive a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Students who receive grades of satisfactory will be allowed to take the course in the spring semester. The grade the student earns in the spring will then retroactively replace the grade of satisfactory for the fall semester.

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- L = On sale at Labyrinth Books, York Street
- O = Available online at [https://classesv2.yale.edu/portal](https://classesv2.yale.edu/portal)
- B = On reserve at Bass Library

*The reading materials that will be used in the spring term will be put on reserve at the library and/or uploaded to the classes server in December.*
Monday, September 8
Introduction and housekeeping session.

Monday, September 15
Democracy’s diffusion inevitable?
Required:
- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* pp 1-60; 99-111; 196-276; 429-436; 441-449; 503-516; 520-529; 667-670 (L, B)
- Robert Kaplan, “Was Democracy Just a Moment” (O).

Monday, September 22
20th Century democratic theory: Schumpeter and his critics.
Required:
- Joseph Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*, chs. 21-22. (O)

Monday, September 29
Democracy and development.
Required:

Monday, October 6
Methods
Required:
- Green and Shapiro, *Pathologies of Rational Choice*, 1996, Chapters 1-3 and 5 confirm with Ian. (L, B)
- Green and Shapiro, Revisiting the Pathologies of Rational Choice: Reply to Our Critics, in Ian Shapiro *Flight from Reality*, 2005. (O)

Monday, October 13
Democracy’s past and future in Latin America. Visiting Professor: Susan Stokes (Yale University).
Required:

Monday, October 20
Transitions to democracy. Prospects for democracy in the Middle East. Visiting Professor Ellen Lust-Okar (Yale University).

Required:
• Eva Bellin (Comparative Politics, 2004) “The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East” (O)
• Mathew Longo and Ellen Lust-Okar, Working paper “The power of Arms: Hamas, the Palestinian elections and prospects for democracy” (O)
• “Problems and Prospects for Democratic Settlements: South Africa as a Model for the Middle East and Northern Ireland?” Jung, Lust-Okar and Shapiro. (O)
• “Democratic Innovation: A South African Perspective on Schumpeterianism”. In Shapiro Democracy’s Place. (O)

Monday, October 27
Democracy and Arms Negotiations: The Case of North Korea.

Required:

Monday, November 3
Student Prospectus

Monday November 10
Comparative judicial politics. Visiting Professor: Frances Rosenbluth (Yale University).

Required:
• Segal and Spaeth, The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited, chapter 3. (O)

Monday, November 17
Student Prospectus

Monday, December 1
Student Prospectus
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Monday, January 12 (Paper draft due today in class)
Democracy and Distribution I
Required:
- Michael Graetz and Ian Shapiro, *Death by a Thousand Cuts. The Fight Over Taxing Inherited Wealth*. Chapters 1-12, 20-23 and the epilogue (L,B)

Friday, January 16
Democracy and Distribution II

Monday, January 19
No class. MLK day.

Monday, January 26
United States national security: The case for containment.
Required:
- 2002 National Security Strategy of the United States (O)
- Ian Shapiro, *Containment: Rebuilding a Strategy Against Global Terror*. (L, B)

Monday, February 2
NO CLASS. Make-up class will be on Friday, February 6.

Friday, February 6
3:30-5:20, room 103, Luce Hall.
The Paradox of Indian Democracy. Visiting Professor Nandini Deo
Required:
- Andrew Wyatt. “The fragmentation of political parties and the quality of Indian democracy”. (O)

Suggested:
Monday, February 9
Corruption. Visiting Professor: Susan Rose-Ackerman (Yale University).

**Required:**
- Rose-Ackerman, Susan 1999. *Corruption and Government*. Chapters 1-4. (L)
- Rose-Ackerman, Susan “Governance and Corruption”. In Bjorn Lomberg, Ed. 2004, *Global Crises, Global Solutions*. Cambridge University Press. (O)

Monday, February 16:
PAPER DUE TODAY IN CLASS
Prospects for democracy in China. Visiting Professor: Mayling Birney (Princeton University)

**Required**
- Kellee S. Tsai. “Capitalists Without a Class: Political Diversity Among Private Entrepreneurs in China,” Comparative Political Studies, Vol. 3 No. 9, November 2005, pp. 1130-1158. (O)
- Kevin O'Brien & Lianjiang Li. 2006. Rightful Resistance in Rural China (Cambridge University Press). Chapter 1 (O)
- New York Times clips (O):

Monday, February 23
NO CLASS

Monday, March 2
Democracy and International Human Rights I. Invited speaker: Thomas Pogge (Yale University)

**Required:**
- Thomas Pogge, *World Poverty and Human Rights*, Chapters 6 and 7. (O)
Monday, March 23
Democracy and International Human Rights II. Invited speaker: Joanne Mariner (Human Rights Watch)

Required:
- Kenneth Roth, "Despots Masquerading as Democrats," Human Rights Watch World Report 2008 (O)

MAKEUP CLASS
Friday, March 27 in Luce Hall, room 103. 3:30-5:20.
Democracy and terror

Required:
- Bruce Ackerman, *Before the Next Attack*. Yale University Press, 2006. Chapters TBA. (L)

Monday, March 30
Lecture at 4:00-5:30 in Luce Hall, room 203 will replace regular class.
After Iraq and Afghanistan: Shall we ever intervene again?. Invited speaker: Paddy Ashdown, Leader of the British Labour Party.

Required:

Monday, April 6
Democracy and Civil War. Invited speaker: Stathis Kalyvas(Yale University).

Required:

Monday, April 13
Student Presentations I

Monday, April 20
Student Presentations II

Monday, April 27
Student Presentations III

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