

BOCCONI UNIVERSITY – 2018/19 A.Y.
CURRENT POLITICAL PHENOMENA – 30481
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Mission & structure

The course aims at discussing current political phenomena in a workshop setting. Students will be divided in groups and required to critically present/discuss the assigned materials, after a general lecture from the instructor.

Classes & content summary

Sept 10 – What's Politics? Introduction and allocation of course assignments.

Sept 14 & 17 – Topic 1: Political polarization in the US. Supply driven? Demand driven?

Sept 21 – Topic 2: Populism in the XXI Century. Is it the economy? Is it culture?

Sept 24 – Topic 3: Declining trust in the Europe Union. A crisis of input legitimacy? A crisis of output legitimacy?

Sept 28 – Topic 4: Going negative in political campaigns. Does it pay off?

Oct 5 – Topic 5: Debating representative democracy. Do we really need politicians? If yes, how should we choose them?

Oct 8 – Group presentations

Oct 9 – Group presentations

Oct 11 – Group presentations

References

Topic-specific readings as indicated in the course slides.

Students' assessment

Pass or fail, based on class participation and the presentation of an assigned topic.