INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY:
THEORIES OF DEMOCRACY
G.53.3100

Wed. 4:00-6:00
726 Broadway, Room: 700

I. Reading list

Finley, M., *Democracy Ancient and Modern*, 1973
Habermas, J., *The Inclusion of the other*, MIT Press, 1999
Kant, I., Political Writings, ed.by H. Reiss, Cambridge U.P., 1970
Locke, J., Two Treatises of Government, ed. by P. Laslett, Cambridge U.P., 1988
Machiavelli, The Discourses, ed. by B. Crick, Penguin, 1970
Pateman, C., Participation and democratic theory, Cambridge U.P., 1970
Rawls, J., Political Liberalism, Columbia U.P., 1993
Schumpeter, J., Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy, Harper, 1975
Sunstein, C., Republic.com, Princeton U.P., 2002
Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War, transl. Warner, Penguin, 1972
Tocqueville, A., Democracy in America, transl. G. Lawrence, Perennial Library, 1988
Tuck, R., Natural Right, Theories, Cambridge U.P., 1979
Tuck, R., Philosophy and Government 1572-1651, Cambridge U.P., 1993
Waldron, J., Law and Disagreement, Oxford U.P., 1999
II. Schedule of classes


14 Sept.: Democracy Ancient and Modern I: liberty
Further reading: Aristotle, *Politics*, Bk. III, chs. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, Bk. IV, chs. 3, 4, Herodotus, *History*, III, §§ 80-82, in *Early Greek Political thought from Homer to the Sophists*, pp. 82-85; Pseudo-Xenophon, *The constitution of the Athenians*, in *Early Greek Political thought...* pp. 133-144; Plato, *Republic*, Bk. VIII, 555b-559d; M. Finley, *Democracy Ancient and Modern*

21 Sept.: Democracy Ancient and Modern II: equality

28 Sept.: Popular government and republicanism: the republic as a mixed constitution; the republican idea of liberty

5 Oct.: Democracy and liberal rights. The liberal idea of liberty
Further reading: R. Tuck, *Natural right theories*; J. Dunn, *The political thought of John Locke*; J. Shklar, *Montesquieu*

12 Oct.: Limited government: separation of powers, checks and balances
19 Oct.: Democracy and representative government: accountability vs. descriptive representation


26 Oct.: Democracy as autonomy: implementing autonomy from Rousseau to Kelsen

   Further reading: ; Kant, "On the common saying: "This may be true in theory, but it does not apply in practice”", Section 2; "Perpetual peace. A philosophical sketch", Section 2, art.1, Appendix, section 2; "The Metaphysics of Morals", Introduction to the theory of right, The theory of right, Part II, §§ 43-48 in Kant, Political Writings pp. 79-86, 99-102, 125-126, 132-143.J. Shklar, Men and citizens; P. Riley, Will and political legitimacy; P. Riley, The General Will before Rousseau

2 Nov.: Theories of participatory democracy. The value of participation: J.S. Mill on representation

   Reading: J.S. Mill, Considerations on Representative Government, chs. 1-3, 5, 7-10; N. Urbinati, Mill on democracy, chs. 2, 3
   Further reading: C. Pateman, Participation and democratic theory; B. Barber, Strong democracy, chs.6-10

9 Nov.: Democracy as polyarchy: R. Dahl

   Reading: R. Dahl, A preface to democratic theory (in its entirety);
   Further reading: Democracy and its critics, chs. 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 20; G. Sartori, The Theory of Democracy revisited, vol. I

16 Nov.: Minimalist conceptions of democracy

   Further reading: W. Riker, Liberalism against Populism

23 Nov.: No classes

30 Nov. : Deliberative democracy: theories and experiments


7 Dec.: Majoritarian vs. non majoritarian views of democracy
Further reading: S. Holmes, "Precommitment and the paradox of democracy", in J. Elster, R. Slagstad, (eds.), *Constitutionalism and Democracy* ; B. Ackerman, "Higher lawmaking", A.A. Amar, "Popular sovereignty and constitutional amendment", in S. Levinson (ed.), *Responding to Imperfection*

14 Dec. : The discourse theory of democracy: J. Habermas
Reading: "Three normative models of democracy", and "On the internal relation between the rule of law and democracy", in J. Habermas, *The Inclusion of the Other*; J. Habermas, *Between Facts and Norms*, Appendix I "Popular sovereignty as procedure"
Further reading: J. Habermas, *Between Facts and Norms*, chs. 3, 4, 7