Syllabus
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The aim of this seminar is to explore the foundations of the relationship between political representation and accountability. We will do so by engaging the more normative and philosophical accounts of this relationship, from the classic work in the political philosophy canon to recent formulations, as well as the theoretical and empirical work in contemporary social science that aims to give a positive account of this relationship.

Requirements:

There are no pre-requisites, but students are expected to be enrolled concurrently or to have taken the first-semester sequence of Ph.D. seminars in the Politics Department or the equivalent.

Students taking the seminar for credit will be expected to write a seminar paper (15-20p) and several short (5p) responses to the weekly readings.

Sequence of Readings (grouped by topics)

I.
Aristotle, Politics Excerpts TBA
Burke, Edmund. “Speech to the Electors of Bristol.”

II.
Constant, Benjamin. “On the Liberties of the Ancients and of the Moderns.”

III.

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