



IDS 4930/PUP 3233 **Women and Politics**

Explore the role of women as political actors. Examine the changing role of women in the electorate, the common barriers to women candidates, the challenges and agendas of women legislators, and the behavior of women in both democratic and authoritarian contexts.

Spring '23 | Dr. Teresa Cornacchione | MWF Period 3 | 3 credits

Women represent approximately half of the world's population, yet they are underrepresented in government institutions, such as legislatures, party leadership, and national executives. What explains this phenomenon? In this course we will explore how descriptive representation translates to substantive representation, which electoral laws and systems favor the election of women, and how women behave once in elected

office. We will also explore the changing role of women in the electorate, including women's voting behavior and preferences. This course will take a comparative approach and we will investigate women and their relationship to politics cross-nationally, across all the regions of the globe. This course is cross-listed with the department of Political Science.