Gender and Political Representation

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Gender is deeply intertwined with politics, presenting opportunities to explore gendered questions across nearly all political science research topics. This module introduces students to foundational work on gender and politics as well as newer perspectives in the field. It covers canonical topics—such as the sources of gender inequality and gender gaps in political participation and representation—alongside emerging research on masculinity and sexuality in politics. The course aims to provide students with the tools to: i) apply an EITM approach to gender and politics research; and ii) incorporate a gender and politics perspective into their existing projects that already employ an EITM approach. By the end of the course, students will be equipped to begin generating research ideas that build on their expertise and leverage EITM skills to offer new perspectives on gender and politics.

COURSE PLAN

I. Gender, Politics, and EITM (Monday AM)

- Iversen, Torben, and Frances McCall Rosenbluth. 2010. *Women, Work, & Politics*. Chapter 2: "The Structure of Patriarchy" (pp. 17–54).
- Reeves, Richard V. 2022. *Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male Is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press. Chapters 1, 2, and 11.
- Forman-Rabinovici, Aliza, and Hadas Mandel. 2023. “The Prevalence and Implications of Gender Blindness in Quantitative Political Science Research.” *Politics & Gender* 19(2): 482–506.

II. Gender and Mass Behavior (Monday PM)

- Teele, Dawn Langan. "Gender and the influence of proportional representation: A comment on the peripheral voting thesis." *American Political Science Review* 117.2 (2023): 759-766.
- Gottlieb, Jessica, Guy Grossman, and Amanda Lea Robinson. 2018. “Do Men and Women Have Different Policy Preferences in Africa?” *British Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 611–636.

III. Gender and Numeric Political Representation (Tuesday AM)

- Lawless, Jennifer L., and Richard L. Fox. 2010. Chapters 2, 3, 5, and 6 of *It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don’t Run for Office.* New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Schwarz, Susanne, and Alexander Coppock. 2022. “What Have We Learned about Gender from Candidate Choice Experiments? A Meta-Analysis of Sixty-Seven Factorial Survey Experiments.” *The Journal of Politics* 84(2): 655–668.
- Bateson, Regina. 2020. “Strategic Discrimination.” *Perspectives on Politics* 18(4): 1068–1087.

IV. Gender and Substantive and Symbolic Representation (Tuesday PM)

- Anzia, Sarah F., and Christopher R. Berry. 2011. “The Jackie (and Jill) Robinson Effect.” *American Journal of Political Science* 55(3): 478–493.
- Betz, Timm, David Fortunato, and Diana Z. O'Brien. 2021. “Women’s Descriptive Representation and Gendered Import Tax Discrimination.” *American Political Science Review* 115(1): 307–315.
- Clayton, Amanda, Jennifer M. Piscopo, and Diana Z. O'Brien. Forthcoming. “Electoral Gender Quotas and Democratic Legitimacy.” *American Political Science Review*.

V. Closing Gender Gaps (Wednesday AM)

- Weeks, Ana Catalano. 2018. “Why Are Gender Quota Laws Adopted by Men? The Role of Inter- and Intraparty Competition.” *Comparative Political Studies* 51(14): 1935–1973.
- Kalla, Joshua L., and David E. Broockman. 2020. “Reducing Exclusionary Attitudes through Interpersonal Conversation.” *American Political Science Review* 114(2): 410–425.