Political Theories Advanced Seminar (Summer 2026)

Overview

This bi-monthly seminar, held in English on Fridays, is designed for doctoral candidates, postdoctoral fellows and early-career researchers working across the broad field of politics. The seminar adopts an interdisciplinary understanding of political theories, encompassing political thought, political and intellectual history, political sociology, political philosophy, law and political science.

Each session follows a dual format:

- Methodological discussions, based on the collective discussion of selected key readings circulated in advance;

- Research presentations, where participants can share and discuss their ongoing work in a supportive and constructive environment.

This seminar aims to promote intellectual exchange, build connections among peers, encourage methodological reflections, and facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue, among doctoral, postdoctoral and early-career researchers working in the field of political studies.

- First session is online [Microsoft Teams]:

https://teams.live.com/meet/9381879932533?p=NKHSUkwyxAFMMH4L3n

Timeline

Session 1 – Friday, July 10 (11:00 am- 1:00 pm)

Comparative Political Theory

March, Andrew F. "What Is Comparative Political Theory?" *The Review of Politics*, vol. 71, no. 4, 2009, pp. 531-565.

Dallmayr, Fred. "Beyond Monologue: For a Comparative Political Theory." *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 2, no. 2, 2004, pp. 249-257.

Session 2 – Friday, July 24 (11:00 am- 1:00 pm)

Intellectual History: Political Ideas and Thinkers

Optional: Ringer, Fritz. "The Intellectual Field, Intellectual History, and the Sociology of Knowledge." *Theory and Society, vol.* 19, no. 2, 1990, pp. 269-294.

Whatmore, Richard. "Method of Intellectual History," in: *What is Intellectual History?*. London: Polity, 2016, pp. 45-57.

Presentation of Kuan-Wei Wu's (PhD student, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany) and Hung-hsuan Chen's doctoral research (PhD student, National Chengchi University, Taiwan)

Session 3 – Friday, August 14 (11:00 am- 1:00 pm)

Democracy: Perspectives from Political Philosophy

Bai, Tongdong. "Confucianism on Political Legitimacy: For the People, of the People, but Not by the People," In *Against Political Equality: The Confucian Case*, Oxford, 2019, pp. 32-51.

Dworkin, Richard. "Baedeker," In *Justice for Hedgehogs,* Harvard, 2011, pp. 1-20.

Lefort, Claude. "The question of democracy," in *Democracy and political theory*, trans. by David Macey, Polity Press, 1988, pp. 9-20.

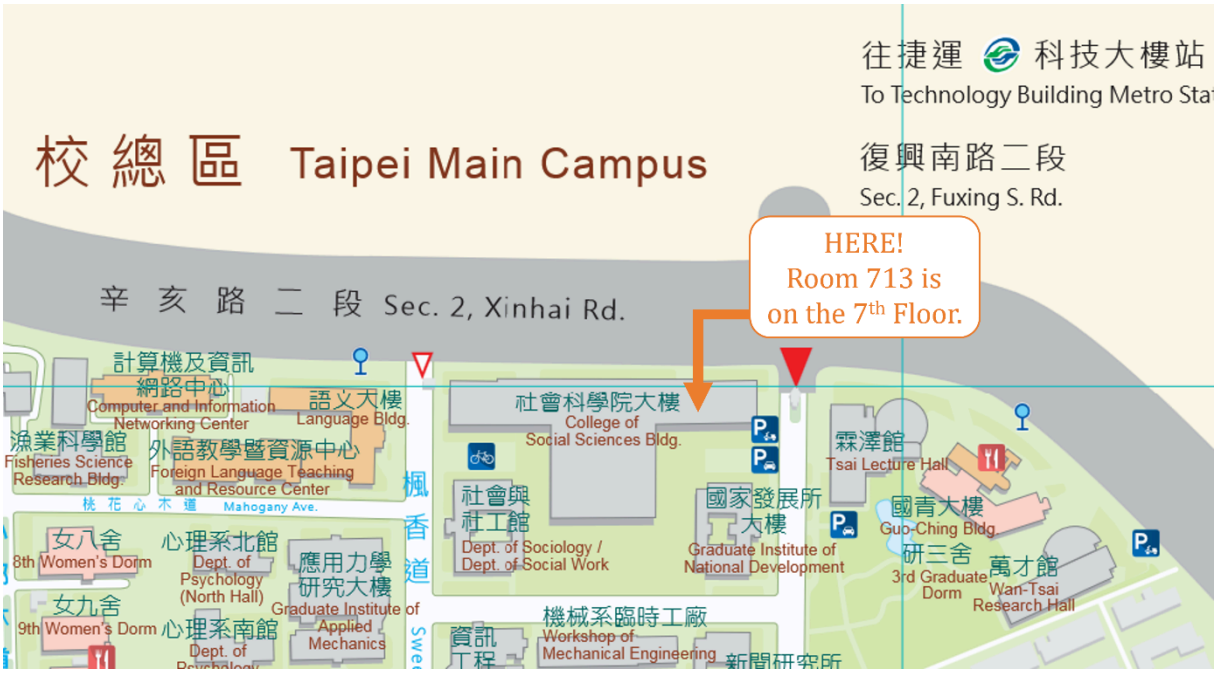
Session 4 – Friday, August 28 (11:00 am- 1:00 pm)

Political Society and the State: Political Sociology

Durkheim, Emile. "Political sociology," In Anthony Giddens, ed. *Emile Durkheim: Selected Writings*, Cambridge University Press, 1972, pp. 189-202.

Presentation of (post)doctoral research

Venue: Room 713 (College of Social Sciences, NTU). 台灣大學社會科學院 713 討論室。



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