



Jan. 19 Introductory Thoughts and Review

Jan. 26 Policy-Motivated Candidates

- **Calvert (1985); Duggan and Fey (2005);** Duggan (2004)

Feb. 2 Probabilistic Voting

- **Hinich (1977);** Mueller (2003, chap.12); **Banks and Duggan (2005)**

Feb. 9 Candidate Quality

- **Groseclose (2001);** Aragones and Palfrey (2002); **Hollard and Rossignol (2008);** Hummel (2009)

Feb. 16 Valence, Effort, and Electoral Contests

- **Meirowitz (2008);** Carrillo and Castanheira (2008); **Ashworth and Bueno de Mesquita (2009);**

Feb. 23 Voter Turnout Models

- **Palfrey and Rosenthal (1983);** Palfrey and Rosenthal (1985); **Börger (2004);**

Mar. 2 Elections under Alternative Voting Systems -

1. Candidate positions - **Cox (1990)**
2. Proportional representation and district systems - **Austen-Smith and Banks (1988);** Snyder (1989)

Mar. 9 Spring break!

Mar. 16 Candidate Entry

- **Palfrey (1984);** Greenberg and Shepsle (1987); Weber (1992); **Osborne (1993)**

Mar. 23 Citizen Candidates and Voting for Policies

- **Feddersen (1992); Osborne and Slivinski (1996);** Besley and Coate (1997)

Mar. 30 Strategic Voting and Duverger's Law

- **Palfrey (1989); Myerson and Weber (1993); Fey (1997); Feddersen et al. (1990); Cox (1994)**

Apr. 6 Private Information, the Swing Voter's Curse, and Jury Theorems

- **Austen-Smith and Banks (1996); Feddersen and Pesendorfer (1996); Feddersen and Pesendorfer (1997); Fey and Kim (2002)**

Apr. 13 Asymmetric Information and Signaling

- **Banks (1990); Callander and Wilkie (2007); Kartik and McAfee (2007)**

Apr. 20 Political Motivations and Asymmetric Information

- **Schultz (1996); Callander (2008);**

Apr. 27 Special Interests, Lobbying, and Advertising

- **Myerson (1993); Prat (2002); Grossman and Helpman (1996); Dixit and Londregan (1996); Grossman and Helpman (1999)**

? Agenda Control in Elections

- **Romer and Rosenthal (1978); Rosenthal (1990)**

## References

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Syllabus & Reading List

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