

**Foundation Scholarship Examinations 2018-19**

**Examination Papers set by Trinity College Dublin's Political Science  
Department**

# **Guidance for Students**

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# Introduction

The Foundation Scholarship examinations provided by the Political Science department for 2018-19 will be similar to those provided from 2015-16 onwards, and different from those provided in the years prior to this.

The examination “**Political Science 1**” requires students to write an essay on a topic related to one of the broad areas of political science covered in Senior Fresh (SF) modules—international relations, comparative politics, history of political thought—but addressing materials that are outside the Michaelmas Term SF module syllabi. An additional reading list will be provided to cover these topics. Students will therefore focus on one of these topics in advance and write one essay on that topic in a two-and-a-quarter-hour examination. The exam will contain only one essay question for each of the three topics for which reading lists have been provided. Students may, at their discretion, prepare more than one topic in advance, but they will answer only one essay question in the examination.

When writing essays for “Political Science 1”, students are expected to know relevant materials and concepts from the related SF modules, but they must demonstrate engagement with and mastery of the materials contained on these additional reading lists. Similarly, students may choose to do additional reading, beyond the materials contained in the provided reading lists, on these political science topics, but, again, students are expected primarily and above all to demonstrate engagement with and mastery of the materials contained on these reading lists. There is no requirement to do any additional outside readings and indeed these reading lists are already extensive and demanding. If a student wishes to refer to additional readings outside these reading lists (or materials contained on module syllabuses), the student is recommended to provide a reference, indicating author, title, and year of publication if possible.

No special tutorials are to be provided by academic staff on the topics to be examined in “Political Science 1”.

Reading lists for the topics for 2018-19 are contained in this document, as well as sample questions. Students, however, are advised to prepare broadly for a variety of possible questions addressing this material.

Readings for these topics will be available on reserve in the library (in the case of books) or available as hard copies or electronic articles through the library (in the case of articles), please search for the title of the academic journal through the library website to find any electronic version in the first instance, although some papers/journals may only be available in hard copy.

The examination “**Political Science 2**” is also a two-and-a-quarter-hour examination. It requires students to write three essays, two of which will relate to materials covered in the three Michaelmas-Term SF Political Science modules, and one of which will be a more general question about the nature of politics. There will be a total of twelve questions on the exam. Nine of these questions will relate to the three Michaelmas-

Term SF Political Science modules—three for each module. The other three questions will be more general questions about the nature of politics. Each student must answer two of the nine module-related questions and one of the three general questions, for a total of three questions.

**To repeat: students must answer three questions out of a total of twelve questions on the Political Science 2 Foundation Scholarship examination, two of which MUST be from the questions drawing on materials from the Senior Fresh modules, and one of which MUST be from the general questions.**

For the questions relating to the materials in the SF Political Science modules, a mastery of the materials taught in those lectures and contained on those syllabi (including of course any optional or additional reading suggestions) up to the end of the Michaelmas Term is sufficient preparation.

Sample questions for the “Political Science 2” examination are contained in this document.

As a reminder, this guidance relates only to the content and format of the Foundation Scholarship examinations provided by the Political Science Department. Many students also have questions about which papers they should choose to sit for the Foundation Scholarship examination. For those questions, please consult the regulations of your specific degree programme (BESS, PPES, Law and Politics, European Studies, Political Science and Geography, History and Political Science etc.) Some “Frequently Asked Questions” are also answered on the Political Science Department’s website.

We wish all students good luck with the Foundation Scholarship examinations.

# **TOPICS AND READINGS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE PAPER 1**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT  
COMPARATIVE POLITICS

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS A

**William Phelan**

### **Topic: The Politics of International Investment Agreements, and Investor-State Dispute Settlement**

The International Relations A essay question will deal with political science explanations for the development and effectiveness of international investment agreements, with a particular focus on the readings below. It will not deal with the strictly legal-doctrinal analysis of international investment agreements of the sort sometimes produced by professional lawyers. In answering this question, students should write with political science, and not law, in mind.

#### **Readings:**

##### **Books:**

Edwards, Haley Sweetland. 2016. Shadow Courts: The Tribunals that Rule Global Trade. New York: Columbia Global Reports.

Maurer, Noel H. The Empire Trap: The Rise and Fall of U.S. Intervention to Protect American Property Overseas, 1893-2013. Princeton NJ, Princeton University Press, 2013.

Poulsen, Lauge N. Skovgaard. 2015. Bounded Rationality and Economic Diplomacy: The Politics of Investment Treaties in Developing Countries. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

St. John, Taylor. 2018. The Rise of Investor-State Arbitration: Politics, Law, and Unintended Consequences. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

##### **Articles:**

Abbott, Kenneth W.; Keohane, Robert O.; Moravcsik, Andrew; Slaughter, Anne-Marie; and Snidal, Duncan. 2000. "The Concept of Legalization." International Organization 54 (3): 401-419.

Calvert, Julia. 2018. "Constructing Investor Rights? Why Some States (Fail to) Terminate Bilateral Investment Treaties." Review of International Political Economy 25 (1): 75-97.

Elkins, Zachary; Guzman, Andrew T.; and Simmons, Beth A. 2006. "Competing for Capital: The Diffusion of Bilateral Investment Treaties, 1960-2000." International Organization 60 (4): 811-846.

Gertz, Geoffrey. "Commercial Diplomacy and Political Risk." 2018. International Studies Quarterly 62 (1): 94-107.

Jandhyala, Srividya; Henisz, Witold J.; Mansfield, Edward D. 2011. "Three Waves of BITs: The Global Diffusion of Foreign Investment Policy." Journal of Conflict Resolution 55 (3): 1047-1073.

Poulsen, Lauge N. Skovgaard, and Aisbett, Emma. 2013. "When the Claim Hits: Bilateral Investment Treaties and Bounded Rational Learning." World Politics 65 (2): 273-313.

**Book Chapters:**

Aisbett, Emma. 2009. "Bilateral Investment Treaties and Foreign Direct Investment: Correlation versus Causation." In The Effect of Treaties on Foreign Direct Investments, eds. Karl P. Sauvant and Lisa E. Sachs. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Sample Questions:**

1. Why do states enter into agreements providing for "investor-state dispute settlement"?
2. What is new and different about investor-state dispute settlement compared to other international agreements?

## HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT A

**Peter Stone**

### **Topic: The Political Theory of Mary Wollstonecraft**

Plato is widely recognized as the first major feminist political philosopher in the western tradition—the first major political philosopher to make a case for the political and social equality of women. This year's History of Political Thought A question for the Political Science 1 paper will focus on the second major feminist political philosopher—Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797). Specifically, the question will deal with Wollstonecraft's primary work of feminist political thought, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman, first published in 1792.

### **Readings:**

Wollstonecraft, Mary. A Vindication of the Rights of Woman, ed. Deidre Shauna Lynch. Third Norton Critical Edition. New York: Norton, 2009.

Please use the Third Norton Critical Edition of this book, which you can find in the library. This edition contains the complete text of the *Vindication*. It also includes over two dozen secondary readings relating to Wollstonecraft, including background material, works by her contemporaries, and critical commentaries from a variety of perspectives. All of the readings from this edition are assigned for this Political Science 1 paper.

### **Sample Question:**

In what ways did Wollstonecraft reject the ideas of Jean-Jacques Rousseau?

## COMPARATIVE POLITICS A

### Gail McElroy

#### Topic: Populism and Far Right/Left Parties

This year's scholarship general question for Comparative Politics A will focus on the topic of populism and extremist parties. Issues to consider include the following:

- Is their rise overstated?
- What regional differences exist?
- Can we identify a type of voter who favours them?
- What are the differences between far left and far right parties?

#### Introductory Readings:

Golder, Matt. "Far Right Parties in Europe." 2016. Annual Review of Political Science 19: 477-497.

Taggart, Paul. 2017. "Populism in Western Europe." In *The Oxford Handbook of Populism*, eds. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser, Paul A. Taggart, Paulina Ochoa Espejo, and Pierre Ostiguy. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### Recommended Readings:

Akkerman, Agnes; Mudde, Cas; and Zaslove, Andrej. 2013. "How Populist Are the People? Measuring Populist Attitudes in Voters." Comparative Political Studies 47 (9): 1324–1353.

Barr, Robert R. 2009. "Populists, Outsiders and Anti-Establishment Politics." Party Politics 15 (1): 29–48.

Van der Brug, Wouter and Mughan, Anthony. 2007. "Charisma, Leader Effects and Support for Right-Wing Populist Parties." Party Politics 13 (1): 29-51.

Bustikova Lenka. 2014. "Revenge of the Radical Right." Comparative Political Studies 47 (12):1738–1765.

van Heerden, Sjoerdje Charlotte and van der Brug, Wouter. 2017. "Demonisation and Electoral Support for Populist Radical Right Parties: A Temporary Effect." Electoral Studies 47: 36-45.

Hooghe, Liesbet and Marks, Gary. 2018. "Cleavage Theory Meets Europe's Crises: Lipset, Rokkan, and the Transnational Cleavage." Journal of European Public Policy 25 (1): 109-135.

Inglehart, Ronald, and Norris, Pippa. "Trump, Brexit, and the Rise of Populism: Economic Have-Nots and Cultural Backlash." 2016. HKS Faculty Research Working Paper Series. [https://faculty.uml.edu/sgallagher/Trump\\_Populism\\_Norris.pdf](https://faculty.uml.edu/sgallagher/Trump_Populism_Norris.pdf).



Jungar, Ann-Cathrine and Jupskås, Anders Ravik. "Populist Radical Right Parties in the Nordic Region: A New and Distinct Party Family?" 2014. Scandinavian Political Studies 37 (3): 215-238.

Kriesi, Hanspeter. 2014. "The Populist Challenge." West European Politics 37 (2): 361–378.

Kriesi, Hanspeter. and Pappas, Takis S. 2015. European Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession. Colchester: ECPR Press. Chapter 1, 18 and any country/region chapters of your choosing.

March, Luke and Rommerskirchen, Charlotte. 2015. "Out of Left Field? Explaining the Variable Electoral Success of European Radical Left Parties." Party Politics 21 (1): 40-53.

Mudde, Cas and Rovira Kaltwasser, Cristóbal. 2012. Populism in Europe and the Americas. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1 and any country chapters of your choosing.

O'Rourke, Kevin H. and Sinnott, Richard. 2006. "The Determinants of Individual Attitudes towards Immigration." European Journal of Political Economy. 22 (4): 838-861.

Rooduijn, Matthijs; de Lange, Sarah L.; and van der Brug, Wouter. 2014. "A Populist Zeitgeist? Programmatic Contagion by Populist Parties in Western Europe." Party Politics 20 (4): 563-575.

Rovny Jan. 2013. "Where Do Radical Right Parties Stand? Position Blurring in Multidimensional Competition." European Political Science Review. 5 (1): 1–26.

**Sample Question:**

Account for the success of radical right wing parties in European elections in the past decade.

# SAMPLE EXAM QUESTIONS FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE PAPER 2

Students must answer three questions in total. Students must answer two of the nine questions relating to the material covered by SF modules in Political Science, and one of the three general questions.

## Section A: Answer Any Two Questions from the Following Set (Questions 1-9)

### Relating to PO2110 (History of Political Thought A):

1. Is there any reason for a non-Christian to take seriously the political ideas of Augustine and Aquinas?
2. Examine the relationship between the Plato's metaphysical theory of forms and his political elitism.
3. Etc.

### Relating to PO2140 (International Relations A):

4. Does Keohane's explanation of international cooperation the same as Axelrod's explanation of cooperation between egoists? Answer drawing on readings and IR theory.
5. Under what circumstances do domestic lobby groups matter in international politics? Answer drawing on readings and IR theory.
6. Etc.

### Relating to PO2150 (Comparative Politics A):

7. "Unelected judges have no right to overrule democratically elected politicians". Discuss with reference to at least two countries.
8. Discuss the thesis that social class is no longer the dominant cleavage in European politics.
9. Etc.

## Section B: Answer One Question from the Following Set (10-12):

### General questions:

10. "Who gets what, when, and how." (Harold Lasswell). Is this an adequate definition of politics?
11. Is politics a characteristic of all human relations?
12. Etc.