

# Your First Year in Politics and International Relations

## Comparative Politics

### Introduction 1: The state and modern politics

#### Lectures

1. Power and authority
2. The state and violence
3. The rise of the modern state in the Western World: developing new forms of political power
4. From warfare to welfare: the apogee of state power
5. The state beyond the West: colonialism, instability and fragility
6. Where does power lie in modern states?

#### Tutorials

1. Where do you think your ideas on politics come from?
2. How does power become authority?
3. What powers does the state have?

### Introduction 2: Political regimes

#### Lectures

1. Democracy: what is it?
2. Democracy: where does it come from?
3. Democracy: what are its different types?
4. Non-democratic regimes: authoritarianism, totalitarianism and hybrids
5. Non-democratic regimes: why do some last and others don't?
6. Is there a crisis of democracy?

#### Tutorials

1. What makes a polity a democracy?
2. Why have some states developed democracy and others not?
3. Essay Planning Tutorial

## Political Theory

### Introduction to Politics 1: Justifying the State

#### Lectures

1. Introducing the Problem of Political Obligation: Plato's Crito
2. Thomas Hobbes on the State of Nature
3. John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau on the State of Nature
4. Hobbesian Absolutism vs. Lockean Limited Government
5. Social Contract Theory
6. Utilitarianism and Fairness

#### Tutorials

1. How do you present your work in a politics essay?
2. What would life without government be like?
3. How might government be morally justified?

### Introduction to Politics 2: Democracy, Freedom and Justice

#### Lectures

1. Plato's Critique of Democracy
2. Jean Jacques Rousseau's General Will
3. John Stuart Mill and the Liberty Principle
4. John Locke and Robert Nozick on Property Rights
5. John Rawls's Theory of Justice
6. Human Rights and Global Justice

#### Tutorials

1. Freedom and the Limits of Political Authority
2. Social Justice in Ireland and the world
3. Essay Planning Tutorial

## International Relations

### Introduction 1: International Relations

#### Lectures

1. The state-system
2. Actors within International Politics
3. The State-Centric approach to International Politics
4. International Organisations
5. IR beyond the State-System
6. International Relations or Global Politics

#### Tutorials

1. What is the difference between the studies of Politics and International Relations?
2. Understanding International Relations
3. Have your ideas on politics changed?

### Introduction 2: Issues in Global Politics

#### Lectures

1. Globalisation
2. Regionalism
3. War
4. Terrorism
5. Inequality and Development
6. Global Civil Society

#### Tutorials

1. In what way has politics been 'globalised' in the last 40 or so years?
2. What are the main issues in contemporary global politics?
3. Essay Planning Tutorial

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SEMESTER 2



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