Overview

This ‘capstone’ seminar engages the main debates in judicial politics. From a comparative perspective, we will be looking at cross-national patterns in judicialization of politics, the origins of more autonomous courts, and the implications for politics in general and policymaking in particular. The course will be informed by examples from the Global North and South.

Required Readings

All the required readings are available on Course Reserve.

Format and Requirements

This course is structured in seminar format. As such, it is based on the active and sustained participation of students who are expected to have read all of the assigned material prior to class. This is necessary to have meaningful and fruitful debate and discussion. Participation is therefore a critical component of the course and its success depends upon it.

The requirements for the course are as follows:

- Participation: 20%
- Article Presentation: 30%
- Research Paper: 50%