

PO 270 : Brain, Biology, and Politics

This course explores the biological nature of our political behavior. Are human beings born to be political animals? The project of understanding the political self has always been interdisciplinary, and researchers today are increasingly turning to the biological sciences to seek better understanding of political cognition. This seminar begins with discussions of human beings as evolutionary political animals, and then proceeds into a deep investigation of how evolutionary theory, psychophysiology, genetics, and cognitive neuroscience contribute to our understanding of politics today.

Credits 4.0