

GV101

Introduction to Political Science

Week 01: The World of Politics

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How's it going to work?

- What are your expectations?
 - Spend a couple of minutes in your groups before feeding back to the class
- Office hours:
 - Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30, CBG.4.13
 - Wednesdays, 14:30 – 15:30, CBG.4.13
 - 15-minutes appointments available via the [Student Hub](#)
 - Email me if neither timeslot works for you
- Email:
 - Checked between Monday and Friday from 09:00 to 18:00
 - Aim to reply within one working day

How's it going to work?

- Weekly email:
 - Questions to consider relating to readings
 - Other information on GV101 and tasks you need to do
 - Opportunity to ask [questions](#)
- Moodle:
 - Weekly reading lists
 - Repository for weekly questions, slides, and [Padlet](#) notes
- Adopt a country:
 - Complete the [country selection survey](#)
 - You will answer questions on your adopted country each week

Constitution Convention Simulation

- One-day conference on Saturday 21 March 2020, at LSE
- 40 places available
- Apply your GV101 knowledge and adopted country expertise
- Design country constitutions in groups and plenary sessions
- Network with GV101 students from other classes
- Awards for the best constitutions



Source: [The Atlantic](#)

If you're interested, email me

Weekly Readings

- Readings should be done in advance of the relevant classes
- This week's readings:
 - 'Introduction', in William Roberts Clark, Matt Golder, and Sona Nadenichek Golder, *Foundations of Comparative Politics* (London, Sage, 2019), pp. 1-12;
 - Lucian W. Pye, 'Political Science', in Joel Krieger (ed.), *The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World* (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2001), pp. 674-676.
- Finding other readings:
 - See references in weekly readings
 - [LSE Library](#)