

L2929 Political Behaviour

Week 2 – Approaches: Rational choice

Essential Reading

- John H. Aldrich (1993), 'Rational Choice and Turnout', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 37, No. 1, pp. 246-278. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2111531>.
- William H. Riker and Peter C. Ordeshook (1968), 'A Theory of the Calculus of Voting', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 62, No. 1, pp. 25-42. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1953324>.
- Donald E. Stokes (1963), 'Spatial Models of Party Competition', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 57, No. 2, pp. 368-377. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1952828>.

Further Reading

Elites:

- Robert Axelrod (1981), 'The Emergence of Cooperation among Egoists', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 75, No. 2, pp. 306-318. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1961366>.
- Ronald H. Coase (1960), 'The Problem of Social Cost', *The Journal of Law & Economics*, Vol. 3, pp. 1-44. <https://doi.org/10.1086/674872>.
- William H. Riker (1958), 'The Paradox of Voting and Congressional Rules for Voting on Amendments', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 52, No. 2, pp. 349-366. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1952321>.

Masses:

- André Blais, Robert Young and Miriam Lapp (2000), 'The calculus of voting: An empirical test', *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 181-201. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.00509>.
- Robert Goodin and John Dryzek (1980), 'Rational Participation: The Politics of Relative Power', *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 273-292. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123400002209>.
- Arthur Lupia (1994), 'Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 88, No. 1, pp. 63-76. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2944882>.
- Charles Pattie, Patrick Seyd and Paul Whiteley (2003), 'Citizenship and Civic Engagement: Attitudes and Behaviour in Britain', *Political Studies*, Vol. 51, No. 3, pp. 443-468. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9248.00435>.
- Paul Whiteley, Patrick Seyd, Jeremy Richardson, Paul Bissell (1994), 'Explaining Party Activism: The Case of the British Conservative Party', *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 79-94. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123400006797>.

Expansions and limitations:

- Michael Hechter (1992), 'The Insufficiency of Game Theory for the Resolution of Real-World Collective Action Problems', *Rationality and Society*, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 33-40. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1043463192004001005>.
- Daniel Kahneman (2003), 'A Perspective on Judgement and Choice: Mapping Bounded Rationality', *American Psychologist*, Vol. 58, No. 9, pp. 697-720. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0003-066X.58.9.697>.
- Herbert Simon (1985), 'Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science', *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 79, No. 2, pp. 293-304. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1956650>.
- Aaron Wildavsky (1992), 'Indispensable Framework or Just Another Ideology?: Prisoner's Dilemma as an Antihierarchical Game', *Rationality and Society*, Vol. 4, No. 1, pp. 8-23. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1043463192004001003>.