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# DESCRIPTIF ENSEIGNEMENT

**INTITULE DU COURS :** The Representation of Immigrant-Origin

*COURSE'S TITLE :*

Minorities in Western Europe

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**TYPE DE COURS :**  SEMINAIRE D'OUVERTURE  SEMESTRE 2

## RESUME DU COURS / OBJECTIFS

During the past decades, many advanced liberal democracies such as France, Germany, the United Kingdom or the United States have become ethnically more diverse societies. This has largely been a result of two simultaneous developments: immigration and changing patterns of political participation, including growing immigrant and anti-immigrant mobilization. Participants of this seminar-based course will analyse the political representation of immigrants and ethnic minorities in liberal democracies both theoretically and empirically. The course will be taught in a seminar style: In each of the six three-hour blocks, we will discuss a number of crucial texts. As far as possible, students will report on a series of collaborative 'mini research projects' based on parliamentary speeches, party materials and parliamentarians' personal websites and other sources.

## SYLLABUS / TARGETS

We will examine the upward trend in migrant and minority representation in Western democracies and learn about differences that remain across liberal democracies in the general institutional framework of representation (such as citizenship and policies of immigrant incorporation ; timing of these developments; main channels of access for minority representatives; the policy focus and outcomes of minority representation; the nature of the connections between minority representatives and minority communities; and the nature of their relationships with constituents at large.

## EVALUATION :

Regular active participation in the session is expected. Assessment is by a single essay of approximately 3,500 words excluding bibliography but including footnotes.

## **PLAN / SEANCES :**

1. Introduction
2. Modern liberal democracies in the 'age of migration' – problems of representation and integration
3. The concept of representation in normative and positive political theory; theories of individualized representation
4. Immigrants and members of minorities as citizens and voters
5. Immigrants and members of minorities as candidates
6. Immigrants and members of minorities as representatives: roles and strategies
7. The role of institutions (electoral systems) and political parties (targeted campaign strategies)
8. The role of social capital
9. Concluding discussion and course evaluation

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIE :**

We will use a broad range of books and articles. The main resources we will draw on include :

Bird, Karen, Saalfeld, Thomas and Wüst, Andreas M., eds. (2011). *The Political Representation of Immigrants and Minorities: Voters, Parties and Parliaments in Liberal Democracies*. London: Routledge.

Givens, Terri E. and Maxwell, Rahsaan, eds. (2012). *Immigrant Politics: Race and Representation in Western Europe*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

Manin, Bernard (1997). *The Principles of Representative Government*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press.

Maxwell, Rahsaan (2012). *Ethnic Minority Migrants in Britain and France Integration Trade-Offs*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.