**Género y representación política: América Latina y los Estados Unidos en perspectiva comparada**

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**Final Project**

In this project you will:

1. Ask a research question related to gender and politics (ask a question about how an independent variable effects a dependent variable);
2. Read the current political science literature that has attempted to answer this question;
3. Design a research project that explains the methods through which you would gather quantitative and/or qualitative data in order to *help answer* to this question.

You will prepare a final paper that does the following:

1. Describes the theory and research question;
2. Situates the theory and research question within the literature (in other words, offers a literature review);
3. Describes the methodology, including the case or cases and the quantitative or qualitative data that would help answer this question, explaining *why* this method is (a) appropriate and (b) will help answer the question.

To be successful in this project you will need to:

* Complete research: which means reading *articles from academic journals in political science* (not news articles, blogs) that also attempt to answer your research question;
* Write a literature review that synthesizes the findings from this research (look at the samples from our course readings—note that they rarely spend single paragraphs discussing single sources; instead, they combine and weave sources together into one narrative);
* Tie a research design to a *gap or remaining puzzle* that you identify in the literature, something not yet known about the answer to the research question;
* Explain how a research project could help close that gap or address that puzzle.

**Sample Research Questions**

* How does political regime explain descriptive representation?
* How do electoral rules shape political ambition?
* How does descriptive representation affect substantive representation in semi-democratic political regimes?

**Plazo**

* El 24 de febrero a las 11.59 por la noche (a las 23.59)
* Entrega en formato PDF por correo electrónico a: piscopo@oxy.edu

**Más detalles**

Entre 7.000 – 10.000 palabras, con una división aproximada de la siguiente manera:

* 1.000 – 1.500 palabras: una introducción que motiva el tema de la investigación y que explica la pregunta de la investigación;
* 3.000 palabras: resumen de la literatura
* 4.000 – 6.000 – sección de diseño de la investigación, en la que usas la literatura para identificar las hipótesis y describes los métodos necesarios para contestar la pregunta de investigación y probar las hipótesis (el diseño puede ser “ideal”: no tienes que tomar en cuenta restricciones de financiamiento, por ejemplo – puedes proponer algo que, en la práctica, costaría dinero para ejecutar)

Incluyes citas dentro del texto y una bibliografía.