

Topics in Political Economy
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Prerequisites: The Cho and Kreps' (1987) "Intuitive Criterion" for equilibria selection

Essential readings

First topic: **Electoral systems**

Herrera, Helios, Massimo Morelli, and Thomas Palfrey. 2012. "Turnout and Power Sharing." Unpublished manuscript, Columbia University.

Hirano, Shigeo, James M. Snyder, and Michael M. Ting. 2009. "Distributive Politics with Primaries." *Journal of Politics* 71(4): 1467-1480.

Morelli, Massimo. 2004. "Party Formation and Policy Outcomes under Different Electoral Systems," *Review of Economic Studies* 71(3): 829-853.

Austen-Smith, David. 2000. "Redistributing Income under Proportional Representation." *Journal of Political Economy* 108(6): 1235-1269.

Second topic: **Politicians' incentives.**

Alesina, Alberto, and Guido Tabellini. 2007. "Bureaucrats or Politicians? Part I: A Single Policy Task." *American Economic Review* 97(1): 169-179.

Maskin, Eric, and Jean Tirole. 2004. "The Politician and the Judge: Accountability in Government." *American Economic Review* 94(4): 1034-1054.

Morelli, Massimo and Richard Van Weelden. 2011. "Ideology and Information in Policy Making." Unpublished manuscript, Columbia University.

Morelli, Massimo and Richard Van Weelden. 2011. "Reelection through Division." Unpublished manuscript, Columbia University.

Third topic: **Direct democracy**

Maniquet, Francois, and Massimo Morelli 2012. "Approval Quorum Rules Dominate Participation Quorum Rules." Unpublished manuscript, Columbia University.