**Spring 2011 Mr. Strong**;

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 13: POWER AND JUSTICE**

The course deals with 1/ the relationship between our understandings of who and what we are as human beings and citizens and our understandings of the political and social worlds in which we live (we may call that the topic of ***justice***) and 2/ how those understandings are shaped by forces both in and not in our control (call that the topic of ***power***).

Required books may be purchased at the book store. In addition a reader should be purchased from University Readers. Go to their website ([www.**universityreaders**.com](http://www.universityreaders.com)) and follow instructions. As the lectures do not recapitulate the readings it is important to have done the reading before class and before section. Please bring the book or material being discussed to section. These books are on reserve but you should own them.

My office hours are Wednesdays 10:30-12:00 in SSB 374, drop in, and by appt at 534 7081. Email is [tstrong@ ucsd.edu](mailto:tstrong@dssmail.ucsd.edu). Your TA will give her/his office hours, location and contact information in section.

**Requirements** for the course include attendance, participation in section (10%), 2 midterms (25% each) and a final in-class exam (40%).

**March 31**: **Introduction: Political Theory, the Political, Politics, and Political Science.**

**SECTION ONE: Power and the politics of identity in difficult situations**

**April 2**: **FILM**: "Obedience" by Stanley Milgram

**April 7-9**: The limits of selfhood and identity:

**READING**: Bettelheim: "Individual and Mass Behavior in Extreme Situations" (**reader**)

**April 14,16:** The self and political commitment

**READING**: Koestler, *Darkness at Noon (***BOOKSTORE***)*

**April 21, 22**: What does it mean to be a citizen?

**READING**: Plato, *Apology, Crito (***BOOKSTORE***)*

**April 28** : What obligations does a citizen or anyone else have?

**READING**: Pitkin, “Obligation and Consent” (**reader**)

***FIRST MIDTERM, April 30 IN CLASS –BRING BLUEBOOKS***

**SECTION TWO: Justice and the politics of identity in a changing world**

**May 5, 6**: Persons, Humans and Citizens

**READING**: "Griswold v. Connecticut"; "Roe v. Wade"; "Webster v. Reproductive Health Services"; "Planned Parenthood v. Casey": in Shapiro, ed. The *Abortion Decisions* (**BOOKSTORE**).

**May 12, 14**: Selfhood and Society

**READING**: Mill, *On Liberty (***BOOKSTORE***)*

**May 19***:* Politics, Contracts and Technology

**READING**: Locke (**reader**); “In the Matter of Baby M” (2 Court decisions in **reader**)

***SECOND MIDTERM ON May 21 – BRING BLUEBOOKS***

***MAY 25 = MEMORIAL DAY***

**SECTION THREE: The Limits of Citizenship and Citizenship at the Limit**

**START READING ELLISON**

**May 28**: If not a citizen then what?

**READING**: Thoreau, “Civil Disobedience” (**reader**); (Optional) Kateb, “Walt Whitman and  
 the Culture of Democracy” (**reader**)

**June 2, 4:** Being in and being out: who speaks for whom?

**READING**: Ellison, *Invisible Man* (BOOKSTORE)

***FINAL IN CLASSROOM AT SET TIME (June 12, 11:30-2:30)***