

TF: Sima Biondi

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Office hours: Tuesdays 2-4 pm in Jenny's Cafe<sup>1</sup>, or email me for an appointment.

↔ sign up using this [site](#). I welcome small groups of students to book a time collectively.

Section website: [https://simab.github.io/gov51\\_spring25.html](https://simab.github.io/gov51_spring25.html)

## Assignments

*Important course components to keep in mind*

- *Weekly*: Section attendance (20%)
- February 14: Problem Set I (10%)
- March 13: Midterm (20%)
- Date TBD: Problem Set II (10%)
- Date TBD: Problem Set III (10%)
- Date TBD: Final project poster session (30%)

## What we're here for

In this section, we clarify, review and reinforce material covered in lecture and weekly readings. My role as a teaching fellow is to help students understand course materials and gain an broad overview of the methods used in contemporary social science research.

## Communication

I encourage you to email me with any questions or concerns. I promise to respond to your emails within (usually) 24 hours Monday-Friday, and by Sunday evening if you reach out after 3 PM on Fridays. All emails should have a subject line that begins with "Gov51:" so I can promptly respond to your email.

## Section attendance

Section attendance is mandatory for this course. Sometimes life happens, so every student is permitted one unexcused absence—no questions asked. Please contact me if there are extenuating circumstances. After the first excused absence, absences will hit the student's participation grade.

If you know you are going to miss section, but would like to attend an alternate section, you must email me **and** Pranav ([pmoudgalya@college.harvard.edu](mailto:pmoudgalya@college.harvard.edu)) *before* the start of both sections to get permission.

## Section suggestion box

Please feel free throughout the semester to give your anonymous input about topics, concepts, readings, or news stories you'd like to cover in section [here](#).

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<sup>1</sup>Harvard Art Museums, Harvard University, 32 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA 02138, USA