

# Protest Politics in the Middle East

*POL479H1 S - Topics in Middle East Politics*

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## Course Objectives

This course aims to overview critical explanatory factors for collective mobilizations in Middle Eastern politics. The course is organized thematically but chronologically follows significant turning points. We will investigate key topics such as the legacies of colonial state on the formation of collective identities; the repercussions of patrimonial capitalism and rentier state on resource mobilization; the impact of autocratic ruling bargains on contentious politics, and the role of foreign intervention in a comparative perspective, by covering different countries under each theme. The Middle East exhibits remarkable diversity in economic development, social mobilizations, and state capacity. This course's primary expected learning outcome is to capture this intra-regional variation and deconstruct blanket explanations for the region's politics. Secondly, Middle Eastern studies have so long suffered from exceptionalism. The course's thematically organized structure aims to equip students with tools of analysis and contextual information to draw inferences beyond regional politics. The course will also invite students to adopt analytical frameworks that attribute agency to people and challenge over-deterministic accounts of social change. They will be encouraged to be attentive to social mobilizations under different types of autocratic ruling bargains. Lastly, through in-class discussions and debates with guests, students will follow current regional events to identify prominent actors, events, and institutions, especially in social mobilizations.

## Requirements & Grading Policy

- **Participation (15%):** Regular attendance is crucial for getting the most out of this course. In addition to the readings listed in the course outline, we will cover news articles, watch videos, and organize group discussions in class. Please note that you are expected to participate in these conversations actively. I'll take into consideration your active participation, not attendance. I also hope everyone turns on their cameras. Unless you are offered accommodation in advance, that's a strict policy to ensure active participation. I will also upload guiding questions for each week to facilitate your reading.
- **Short Presentations (15%):** You will brief the rest of the class about your chosen readings. You'll sign up for two readings from a given list. I'll distribute a sign-up sheet in our first class. It would be best to go beyond summarizing the articles/chapters, connect with the general topic, provide your critical engagement with the readings, and, most importantly, connect them with current developments in that country. I expect you to extract necessary historical details and the core of the argument and present them in a concise, critical, and accessible way to others. You may find further information at the end of the syllabus.
- **Connecting-the-dots (30%):** Even though we cover different topics each week, they are all connected, in one way or the other. You'll write one article (around 3000 words) connecting the dots between the topics covered. You may find further details about the assignment at the end of the syllabus. You should let me know which question you would like to use from the prompt and submit a headline and short introductory paragraph that outlines the basic contours of your argument. The

deadline for the paper proposal is July 18. The paper is due on August 3. Please note that the paper proposal will also be graded (5%).

- **Quizzes (40%):** There will be five quizzes in total. Your quiz with the lowest grade will not be accounted for toward your final grade. All quizzes will be conducted in class/online, each appx. 15-min. long that aims to assess your familiarity with that week or the previous week's readings, lecture notes, and presentations. The quizzes will consist of multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, short-answer types of questions. There will be no make-up for missed quizzes. The date of each quiz will be announced two days in advance.
- **Extra Credit/Optional - Data Geeks Workshop:** I will conduct an extra workshop (2 hours long) and present available datasets on Middle Eastern politics, such as the Carnegie Middle East Governance and Islam Dataset. We will run together quick statistical analyses using these datasets and visualize some data—2% toward your final score.

**Grade Appeal:** If you wish to appeal your grade, you must send me a one-paragraph long explanation of why you think your grade does not accurately reflect your work in a week after posting grades. Be advised that your mark may go up or down after the appeal process.

**Late Penalty:** The penalty for late submissions is 5% per day. Extensions will be granted for valid and documented reasons. Assignments submitted five calendar days beyond the due date will be assigned a grade of zero. Accommodations due to late registration into the course will not be approved. If you require an extension, please send me an email with a valid and documented excuse before the deadline and as early as possible. You are also required to declare your absence on ACORN.

**Submissions & Plagiarism:** Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to the University's plagiarism detection tool for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the tool's reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of this tool are described on the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation web site (<https://uoft.me/pdt-faq>).

## Communication

I typically respond to emails swiftly, but please allow 48 hours for a response. I will host virtual office hours using Zoom. You may schedule a 1-on-1 meeting via email.

## Accessibility & Accommodation

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. If you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach the Accessibility Services Office and me as soon as possible.

I am fully aware that some of you may come from autocratic countries and having these conversations online may be potentially dangerous for you. It is crucial to remember that repression is often random, and it's a risk you should not underestimate. I will do my best to create a safe space for everyone according to university policies. Please let me know if you think you need specific accommodations.

# Course Outline

## Week 1.1 (July 6)

### **Introduction — How to study the Middle East?**

Yom, Sean L. 2018. "Introduction: The Middle East & North Africa in Comparative Perspective." In *The Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa*, eds. Mark Gasirowski and Sean L. Yom, 1-44. New York: Routledge.

## Week 2.1 (July 11)

### **State formation, colonialism, and popular movements during decolonization**

Blaydes, Lisa. 2017. "State Building in the Middle East." *Annual Review of Pol. Science* 20: 487-504.

(Egypt) Chalcraft, John. 2016. *Popular Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Selected pages: 198-200, 206-215, 269-280, 286-296, 300-301, 303-310.

## Week 2.2 (July 13)

### **Autocratic ruling bargains I – Patrimonialism and economic reform: Does capitalism bring about democracy?**

Cammett, Melani. 2013. "The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East." In *The Middle East*, 13th Edition, edited by Ellen Lust. London: Sage Publications, 161-208.

(Lebanon) Leenders, Reinoud. 2020. *Timebomb at the Port: How Institutional Failure, Political Squabbling and Greed Set the Stage for Blowing up Beirut*. Arab Reform Initiative Research Paper.

## Week 3.1 (July 18)

### **Autocratic ruling bargains II — Autocrats vs. the military & the elite: How do autocrats politically control the elite and coup-proof their regime?**

(Iraq) Sassoon, Joseph. 2012. "The Ba'th Party and the Army." *Saddam Hussein's Ba'th Party: Inside an Authoritarian Regime*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 129-61.

(Turkey) Esen, Berk, and Sebnem Gumuscu. 2018. "Building a Competitive Authoritarian Regime: State-Business Relations in the AKP's Turkey." *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 20(4): 349-72.

## Week 3.2 (July 20)

### **Autocratic ruling bargain III — Autocrats vs. the masses: How do autocrats contain popular mobilizations?**

Kamrava, Mehran, ed. 2014. *Beyond the Arab Spring: The Evolving Ruling Bargain in the Middle East*. Chapter 1. New York: Oxford University Press, 17-46.

(Jordan) Josua, Maria. 2016. "Co-Optation Reconsidered: Authoritarian Regime Legitimation Strategies in the Jordanian Arab Spring." *Middle East Law and Governance* 8: 32-56.

### **Week 4.1 (July 25)**

#### **Autocratic ruling bargains IV — Oil and rentier state: Does oil wealth shield autocrats from popular movements?**

Richter, Thomas. 2020. "Oil and Rentier State in the Middle East." In *The Routledge Handbook to the Middle East and North African State and States System*, edited by Raymond Hinnebusch and Jasmine Gani, 225-37. New York: Routledge.

(Saudi Arabia & Gulf) POMEPS. 2019. *The Politics of Rentier States in the Gulf*. (January/33): 29-55.

### **Week 4.2 (July 27)**

#### **Contentious politics I – Why/how do people join social movements under autocracies?**

Moghadam, Valentine M. 2018. "Explaining Divergent Outcomes of the Arab Spring: The Significance of Gender and Women's Mobilizations." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 6(4): 666-81.

(Iran) Conduit, Dara, and Shahram Akbarzadeh, eds. 2018. "The Iranian Reform Movement since 2009." *New Opposition in the Middle East*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 119-150.

### **Week 5.1 (August 1)**

#### **Civic Holiday**

### **Week 5.2 (August 3)**

#### **Contentious politics II – Public opinion and political parties: How do they impact social mobilizations?**

Wegner, Eva, and Francesco Cavatorta. 2018. "Revisiting the Islamist–Secular Divide: Parties and Voters in the Arab World." *International Political Science Review*: 1-18.

(Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco) Berman, Chantal. 2021. "Islamist Mobilization during the Arab Uprisings." In *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*, edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones. New York: Oxford University Press, 597-616.

### **Week 6.1 (August 8)**

#### **Contentious politics III – Civil wars, ethnic and sectarian conflicts**

(Syria) Mazur, Kevin. 2019. "State Networks and Intra-Ethnic Group Variation in the 2011 Syrian Uprising." *Comparative Political Studies* 52(7): 995-1027.

(Libya) Lacher, Wolfram. 2019. "Think Libya's warring factions are only in it for the money? Think again." *The Washington Post*, April 10.

## **Week 6.2 (August 10)**

### **Contentious politics IV – Kurdish conflict**

Belge, Ceren & Semuhi Sinanoglu. 2021. Containing Ethnic Conflict: Repression, Cooptation, and Identity Politics. *Comparative Politics*: 1-22.

Cakmak, Cenap. 2018. "Statehood, Autonomy, or Unitary Coexistence? A Comparative Analysis of How Kurdish Groups Approach the Idea of Self-Determination." *In Comparative Kurdish Politics in the Middle East: Actors, Ideas, and Interests*, edited by Emel Elif Tugdar and Serhun Al. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 113-36.

## **Week 7.1 (August 15)**

### **Regional politics, foreign interventions, and proxy wars**

(Kuwait, Iran, Jordan) Yom, Sean. 2015. *From Resilience to Revolution: How Foreign Interventions Destabilize the Middle East*. Chapter 1. New York: Columbia University Press: 1-20.

(Iran) Ostovar, Afshon. 2017. "Sectarianism and Iranian Foreign Policy." *In Beyond Sunni and Shia: The Roots of Sectarianism in a Changing Middle East*, edited by Frederic Wehrey, 87-111. New York: Oxford University Press.

## Recommended

### Country/Historical Backgrounds

Zurcher, Erik. 2004. *Turkey: A Modern History*. New York: I.B. Tauris.

Abraham, A.J. 2008. *Lebanon in Modern Times*. Lanham: University Press of America.

Sayyid-Marsot, A. Lutfi. 2007. *A History of Egypt: From the Arab Conquest to Present*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Marr, Phebe. 2017. *The Modern History of Iraq*. New York: Routledge.

Reilly, James. 2018. *Fragile Nation, Shattered Land: The Modern History of Syria*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

### Film/Documentary Suggestions

Lawrence of Arabia (1962)

Battle of Algiers (1966)

Lion of the Desert (1980)

Yol (1982)

Nargess (1992)

Al-irhab wal kabab (1992)

Ta'm e guilass (1997)

Nimeh-ye penhan (2001)

Vizontele (2001)

Terra incognita (2002)

Lakposhtha parvaz mikonand (2004)

Zozo (2005)

The Forgotten Refugees (2005)

Niwemang (2006)

Blood and Oil (2006)

Takva (2006)

Omaret yakobean (2006)

Reel Bad Arabs (2006)

Bikur Ha-Tizmoret (2007)

Sous les bombes (2007)

Persepolis (2007)

Vals Im Bashir (2008)

İki Dil Bir Bavul (2008)

Ehky ya Scheherazade (2009)

678 (2010)

Incendies (2010)

Et maintenant on va où? (2011)

Asmaa (2011)

Jodaeiye Nader az Simin (2011)

The Reluctant Fundamentalist (2012)

Syngu'e sabour (2012)

My Sweet Pepper Land (2013)

Al Midan (2013)

The War in October (2014)

Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown (2015)

Tickling Giants (2016)

The Caliph (2016)

Sykes-Picot: Lines in the sand (2016)

Decadence and Downfall (2016)

L'insulte (2017)

De sidste mænd i Aleppo (2017)

Ali's Wedding (2017)

City of Ghosts (2017)

The Dictator's Playbook (2018)

Tomorrow's Children (2018)

The Angel (2018)

Capharnaum (2018)

For Sama (2019)

The Cave (2019)

Ramy (2019)

The Dissident (2020)

# Assignment Prompts

## Short Presentations

The output/medium of your presentation may take different formats (4-6 min. presentation per reading). You may record your presentation in advance and run it in class or deliver it on the spot. Regardless, you are highly encouraged to prepare PowerPoint presentations or visual materials to keep your friends engaged. Presentation materials must be uploaded to Quercus. Please also send the materials via email one day before the class.

You may find some tips on how to deliver a high-quality presentation below:

- Make sure you relay the basic argument of the reading and key historical events but do not spend more than 2-3 min. to give an overview. Try to connect it to the required readings, readings from previous weeks, and contemporary events in the region.
- A high-quality presentation may take the following structure, though this is just a suggestion, and you are free to follow another flow/structure. Set the agenda first. First, in the very beginning, provide an overview of the presentation, a road map. Second, summarize the reading and communicate the main take-away. Third, share with us your overall take. What's your view on the topic? You are expected to support your argument with evidence (either by connecting it with other readings or referring to some events/incidents in the region.)
- You will be evaluated based on your 1) ability to synthesize, 2) to summarize quickly, succinctly, and to the point, 3) and presentation style. Do not just read it from paper. Be as engaging as possible. Ask questions to your audience to make sure they are following you. Share interesting anecdotes/puzzling statistics to intrigue them, etc.

## Connecting-the-dots

You will choose from the following list of prompts. You are expected to use only the readings listed below and do ALL OF THEM. Depending on your argument, you are expected to cite  $\frac{3}{4}$  of these readings meaningfully. You may use non-academic sources such as news articles. But you are NOT allowed to cite other scholarly sources. This assignment aims to incentivize you to do these recommended readings and formulate an argument around them.

In your paper, you are expected to advance an argument. This essay is not just a summary of readings. Your paper must be argumentative. In other words, your paper should be an overall critique of the readings. Summarizing will lower your grade since it takes away valuable space from your arguments. The authors you read are often engaged in a conversation, whether implicitly or explicitly. Your goal is to take part in that conversation by identifying the strengths and weaknesses of their arguments.

In political science, we primarily focus on three major independent variables and their impact on political phenomena: *institutions*, *interests*, and *ideas*. In the readings, which one is the predominant explanation? Does that account convince you? Is there anything missing? Are these findings generalizable? Under which conditions do you think the argument will hold? What is the empirical evidence that supports or challenges the arguments of these readings? Any insights from country-case studies?

A well-crafted argumentative paper will show an excellent understanding of the arguments, draw specific parallels or highlight contrasts among them; focus on making solid and specific arguments about the readings; avoid summarizing, and offer precise, well-constructed, and substantiated arguments.

You may find other instructions below:

- You must have a concise and clear thesis statement in your introduction, which encapsulates the overall argument, and throughout, you must closely follow your thesis statement.
- An ideal introduction should be structured as follows: a) You should immediately start with a research question or puzzle. No long stories, overtures. b) Outline the debate. Briefly introduce different sides of the debate. c) What's your take on it? What's your thesis statement? Make sure your thesis has a causal mechanism and it's clear and precise. d) Offer an argumentative road map for the rest of the paper.
- A coherent set of arguments and evidence should be deployed to support the thesis statement. Arguments and evidence must be sophisticated and persuasive. The connection between each supporting argument and the thesis statement should be clear.
- There should be a conceptual/theoretical framework that the analysis rests upon.
- Connections to lecture conversations or current news are highly encouraged.
- The flow of your argumentation must be well-structured. There should be no jumps or gaps.
- Each paragraph should have only one main idea and a clear topic sentence.
- Your writing must be clear and concise. Avoid long, convoluted sentences. Proofread before you submit. Make your writing as accessible as possible.
- Your paper should be around 3000 words, but you will not be penalized for going over the limit.
- Cite properly. All materials that require citation should be cited. If an idea comes from a specific page, you must cite the page number. Use Chicago author-date citation style. I highly encourage you to use software such as [Mendeley](#).
- Submit your essay in .doc/docx. format on Quercus. You are responsible for ensuring that the files are not corrupt and submitting the documents by the deadline. Technical glitch is no excuse.

### **Prompt 1**

Some autocratic regimes are more durable than others. One crucial factor is oil income. The existing scholarship shows how an autocratic regime uses oil income to manage the elite, coup-proof their regime, and contain mass mobilizations. On the other hand, rentierism may result in dismal economic performance that hampers autocratic survival. How does oil income impact regime durability? What are the causal mechanisms that connect oil income to autocratic survival?

1. Kamrava, Mehran, ed. 2014. *Beyond the Arab Spring: The Evolving Ruling Bargain in the Middle East*. Chapter 1. New York: Oxford University Press, 17-46.
2. Richter, Thomas. 2020. "Oil and Rentier State in the Middle East." In *The Routledge Handbook to the Middle East and North African State and States System*, edited by Raymond Hinnebusch and Jasmine Gani, 225-37. New York: Routledge.
3. Bellin, Eva. 2012. "Reconsidering the Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Lessons from the Arab Spring." *Comparative Politics* 44: 127-49.
4. POMEPS. 2019. *The Politics of Rentier States in the Gulf*. (January/33): 29-55.
5. IMF. 2016. *Economic Diversification in Oil-Exporting Arab Countries*. April.
6. Ross, Michael. 2012. *The Oil Curse: How Petroleum Wealth Shapes the Development of Nations*. Chapter 3. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
7. Cammett, Melani, et al. 2019. "Is Oil Wealth Good or Bad for Private Sector Development?" ERF Working Paper 1299. Cairo: ERF.
8. Hertog, Steffen. 2010. "Defying the Resource Curse: Explaining Successful State-owned Enterprises in Rentier States." *World Politics* 62(2): 261-301.
9. Hertog, Steffen. 2016. "Rent Distribution, Labour Markets and Development in High Rent Countries." LSE Working Paper 40(July).
10. Mahdavi, Paasha. 2020. "Institutions and the 'Resource Curse': Evidence From Cases of Oil-Related Bribery." *Comparative Political Studies* 53(1): 3-39.
11. Aytac, Selim, et al. 2014. "Why Some Countries Are Immune from the Resource Curse: The Role of Economic Norms." *Democratization* 23(1): 71-92.



12. Wright, Joseph, et al. 2013. "Oil and Autocratic Regime Survival." *British Journal of Political Science* 45(2): 287-306.
13. Smith, Benjamin. 2017. "Resource Wealth as Rent Leverage: Rethinking the Oil–Stability Nexus." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(6): 597-617.
14. Moshashai, Daniel, et al. 2018. "Saudi Arabia Plans for Its Economic Future: Vision 2030, the National Transformation Plan and Saudi Fiscal Reform." *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 47(3): 381-401.
15. Beck, Martin, and Thomas Richter. 2021. *Oil and the political economy in the Middle East: Post-2014 adjustment policies of the Arab Gulf and beyond*. Manchester: Manchester University Press: 1-35 (Chapter 1).
16. Kamrava, Mehran. 2017. "State-Business Relations and Clientelism in Qatar." *Journal of Arabian Studies* 7.1(April): 1-27.
17. Gengler, Justin, et al. 2020. "Refinancing the Rentier State: Welfare, Inequality, and Citizen Preferences toward Fiscal Reform in the Gulf Oil Monarchies." *Comparative Politics* (June).
18. Hertog, Steffen. 2020. "The 'Rentier Mentality,' 30 Years on: Evidence from Survey Data." *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 47(1): 6-23.

## **Prompt 2**

How do autocratic regimes politically control the elite and the masses? They use several tactics such as repression, cooptation, and propaganda. However, they are not always effective. Under which conditions are tools of political control effective?

1. Kamrava, Mehran, ed. 2014. *Beyond the Arab Spring: The Evolving Ruling Bargain in the Middle East*. Chapter 1. New York: Oxford University Press, 17-46.
2. Josua, Maria. 2016. "Co-Optation Reconsidered: Authoritarian Regime Legitimation Strategies in the Jordanian Arab Spring." *Middle East Law and Governance* 8: 32-56.
3. Belge, Ceren & Semuhi Sinanoglu. 2021. Containing Ethnic Conflict: Repression, Cooptation, and Identity Politics. *Comparative Politics*: 1-22.
4. Diwan, Ishac, et al. 2015. "Pyramid Capitalism: Political Connections, Regulation, and Firm Productivity in Egypt." Policy Research Working Paper 7354. The World Bank.
5. Rijkers, Bob, et al. 2016. "Are Politically Connected Firms More Likely to Evade Taxes? Evidence from Tunisia." *The World Bank Economic Review* 30: 166-175.
6. Blaydes, Lisa. 2011. "Elections and Elite Management." *Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 48-63.
7. El Tarouty, Safinaz. 2015. *Businessmen, Clientelism, and Authoritarianism in Egypt*. Chapter 4. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 85-112.
8. Blaydes, Lisa. 2018. *State of Repression: Iraq under Saddam Hussein*. Chapter 9-10. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 237-304.
9. Haddad, Bassam. 2011. *Business Networks in Syria: The Political Economy of Authoritarian Resilience*. Chapter 1. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
10. Gurakar, Esra Ceviker. 2016. *Politics of Favoritism in Public Procurement in Turkey: Reconfigurations of Dependency Networks in the AKP Era*. Introduction. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
11. Eibl, Ferdinand. 2020. *Social Dictatorships: The Political Economy of the Welfare State in the Middle East and North Africa*. New York: Oxford University Press, Chapter 1 and 5.
12. Siham, Alatassi. 2021. "The Role of the Syrian Business Elite in the Syrian Conflict: A Class Narrative." *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*: 1–13.
13. Gurakar, Esra, and Tuba Bircan. 2019. "Redistributive politics, clientelism, and political patronage under the AKP." In *Clientelism and Patronage in the Middle East and North Africa: Networks of Dependency*, edited by Laura Ruiz de Elvira et al., 71-94. New York: Routledge.

14. Rodriguez, Luis M. 2019. "Patronage and clientelism in Jordan: The monarchy and the tribes in the wake of the Arab Spring." In *Clientelism and Patronage in the Middle East and North Africa: Networks of Dependency*, edited by Laura Ruiz de Elvira et al., 211-230. New York: Routledge.
15. Gandhi, Jennifer, and Ellen Lust-Okar. 2009. "Elections Under Authoritarianism." *Annual Review of Political Science* 12: 403-22.
16. Cammett, Melan, and Sukriti Issar. 2010. "Bricks and Mortar Clientelism: Sectarianism and the Logics of Welfare Allocation in Lebanon." *World Politics* 62(3): 381-421.
17. Alrababa'h, Ala', and Lisa Blaydes. 2020. "Authoritarian Media and Diversionary Threats: Lessons from 30 Years of Syrian State Discourse." *Political Science Research and Methods*: 1-16.
18. Bush, Sarah Sunn, et al. 2016. "The Effects of Authoritarian Iconography." *Comparative Political Studies* 49(13): 1704-38.
19. Nugent, Elizabeth R. 2017. "The Psychology of Repression and Polarization in Authoritarian Regimes." Middle East Initiative Working Paper (June).
20. Pan, Jennifer, and Alexandra A. Siegel. 2019. "How Saudi Crackdowns Fail to Silence Online Dissent." *American Political Science Review*: 109-25.

## A Warning About Plagiarism

### Plagiarism is an academic offence with a severe penalty.

It is essential that you understand what plagiarism is and that you do not commit it. In essence, it is the theft of the thoughts or words of others, without giving proper credit. You must put others' words in quotation marks and cite your source(s). You must give citations when using others' ideas, even if those ideas are paraphrased in your own words. Plagiarism is unacceptable in a university. What the university calls "plagiarism", non-university institutions might call "fraud".

The University of Toronto provides a process that faculty members must initiate when they suspect a case of plagiarism. In the Department of Political Science, suspected evidence of plagiarism must be reported to the Chair; in most cases, the Chair passes the case on to the Dean.

A faculty member may not mark an assignment or assess a penalty if he or she finds evidence of plagiarism – the matter must be reported. Penalties are assigned by the Chair, by the Dean or by the University of Toronto Tribunal.

The following are some examples of plagiarism:

1. Submitting as your own an assignment written by someone else.
2. Quoting an author without indicating the source of the words.
3. Using words, sentences, or paragraphs written by someone else and failing to place quotation marks around the material and reference the source and author. **Using either quotation marks or reference alone is not sufficient. Both must be used!**
4. Adapting an author's ideas or theme and using it as your own without referencing the original source.
5. Seeking assistance from a friend or family member in respect to work you claim as your own.

Ignorance of the rules against plagiarism is not a defense; students are presumed to know what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. Students are especially reminded that material taken from the web **must** be quoted and cited in the same manner as if it came from a book or printed article.

If you are not sure whether you have committed plagiarism, it is better to ask a faculty member or teaching assistant than risk discovery and be forced to accept an academic penalty.

Plagiarism is **cheating**. It is considered a **serious offence** against intellectual honesty and intellectual property. Penalties can be **severe**, ranging from a mark of "0" for the assignment or test in question, **up to and including expulsion from the university**.

### Some website listed below on avoiding plagiarism:

'How to Use Sources and Avoid Plagiarism' - available at:

<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>

Other Advisory Material available at: <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources>