



**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PORTUGAL
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DEMOCRACY IN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

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Syllabus

Introduction: What is democracy? Ideas and practices.

1. The Greeks: Thucydides, Plato and Aristotle
2. The Romans: Polybius and Cicero
3. The Moderns: Machiavelli, Hobbes and Spinoza
4. The British: Locke, Burke and Paine
4. The Americans: Adams, Madison and *The Federalist*
5. The French: Sieyès, Robespierre and Tocqueville
6. The Dictators: Lenin and Hitler

Conclusion: Democracy today – and tomorrow?

READINGS
(in addition to the Classics):

CARTLEDGE, Paul. *Democracy: A Life*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

CRICK, Bernard. *Democracy. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.

DUNN, John. *Setting the People Free – The Story of Democracy*. London: Atlantic Books, 2006.

EATWELL, Roger, e Matthew Goodwin. *National Populism – The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy*. London: Penguin, 2018.

KEANE, John. *The Life and Death of Democracy*. London: Pocket Books, 2010.

STASAVAGE, David. *The Decline and Rise of Democracy – A Global History from Antiquity to Today*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020.

! Additional readings will be given to the students as the semester advances.

!! Students must attend classes regularly and keep up with the reading.

GRADING:

One written test