



**Call for Proposals: ISERP Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Seminar (IIGSS) Spring 2025 –
Political Behavior**
Theme: “*Political Behavior*”

Political behavior encompasses more than just electoral choices—it reflects how individuals and groups engage with political processes, form opinions, and influence public life. This theme invites you to investigate the multifaceted nature of political behavior by examining the factors that shape civic participation, the processes of political decision-making, and the various forms of political expression in contemporary society.

We welcome contributions from a broad range of disciplinary perspectives. Whether your research involves historical analysis, ethnographic study, or quantitative methods, we encourage you to consider how your work can illuminate the complexities of political engagement.

Seminar Series Overview:

The Spring 2025 IIGSS seminar series will take place between March and May. We will organize the presentations into three or four panels, each featuring three papers on related topics. Final dates and times will be announced closer to the first session. While we anticipate holding the seminars in person according to University guidelines (with a virtual option available), each session will offer a hybrid format to ensure inclusive participation. Presentations will last approximately 20 minutes, followed by an interactive Q&A session. Speakers will circulate a draft of the paper to other speakers in the panel one week before the panel.

This series, sponsored by the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP), aims to foster dialogue between the social sciences and humanities. We particularly encourage submissions that integrate interdisciplinary methods or emerge from collaborative projects spanning multiple fields.

Who Should Apply:

This Call for Proposals is open to graduate students in the social sciences and related disciplines—including history, literature, philosophy, arts and culture studies, policy, and security—from Columbia University. We especially encourage submissions that feature interdisciplinary methods or collaborative research across disciplinary boundaries.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Eligibility:

Papers should contribute to ISERP and IIGSS’s mission of promoting collaborative, interdisciplinary research. Projects that integrate diverse methods and theoretical perspectives are particularly welcome.

2. How to Apply:

Please submit your proposal to this [google form](#) by **Sunday February 16th, at 11:59 PM EST.**

3. Application Components:

o **Research Proposal (300–500 words):**

Focus on your interdisciplinary approach and explain how your project addresses the complexities of political behavior. Please ensure your proposal is accessible to scholars from other fields. o **Four Key Words:**

Provide four keywords that capture the essence of your proposal.

Selected presenters should highlight how interdisciplinary perspectives have informed their approach to analyzing political behavior, addressing both analytical and methodological challenges in their work. Given the hybrid format of our sessions, presenters should be prepared to use PowerPoint slides (though these need not be included with your initial submission). Additionally, presenters are expected to attend the other seminars in the series to help foster ongoing dialogue.

File Naming:

Please format all filenames as follows: “Lastname – Proposal” (e.g., “DiPrete – Proposal”).

We look forward to receiving your proposal and to a lively, interdisciplinary conversation on the dynamics of political behavior. Whether you are using historical narratives, theoretical analysis, or empirical research, your work is essential to deepening our understanding of how political decisions are made and how civic engagement evolves.