

GEOG 453: POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

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Does power have a zip code? Are political processes knowable without understanding how they are spatially distributed in territories, regions, and landscapes? The premise of Political Geography is that politics – whether practiced formally by nation-states, international agencies, or local governments, or pragmatically by corporations, police, labor unions, and school boards — have important geographical dimensions; and that questions of how and where political processes take place make a difference to how they work. In this way, the purpose of GEOG 453 Political Geography is to explore how we shape the world through political processes occurring at local, national, regional, and global scales. Course topics include:

- geographies of war & peace;
- electoral geography and gerrymandering;
- nationalism and identity politics;
- critical geopolitics; popular geopolitics; history of geopolitics
- urban governance and public space

