DAMAGED DEMOCRACY:
STRUCTURAL ROOTS OF DEMOCRATIC DYSFUNCTION

Outline of Topics and Main Works Drawn On:

Week 1: An Overview of Contemporary Democracy’s Dysfunction

Week 2: The Political Economy of ‘Democratic Capitalism’
- Wolfgang Streeck, *How Will Capitalism End?* (2016) and “Preface” to 2016 edition of *Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Democratic Capitalism*

Week 3: Economic and Political Inequality: Where they Come From and What to Do About Them
- Benjamin Page and Martin Gilens, *Democracy in America?: What’s Gone Wrong and How to Fix It* (2018)

Week 4: The Long History of the Age of Fracture: Has Identity Politics Undermined Democratic Citizenship

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1 Please note: these readings are mentioned only for the sake of reference. No prior familiarity with any of these works is assumed in any of these lectures.

**Week 5: Networks, Social Media, Propaganda, Polarization and American Politics**
• Hal Roberts, Robert Faris and Yochai Benkler, *Network Propaganda: Manipulation, Disinformation, and Radicalization in American Politics*
• Siva Vaidhyanathan, *Antisocial Media: How Facebook Disconnects Us and Undermines Democracy*
• Shoshana Zuboff, *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*

**Week 6: Old and New Social Movements and the Ambivalent Digital Transformation of Protest Politics in the Networked Public Sphere**
• Zeynep Tufekci, *Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest*
• Leslie Crutchfield, *How Change Happens: Why Some Social Movements Succeed While Others Don’t*
• Jeffrey Stout, *Blessed Are the Organized: Grassroots Democracy in America*
• Mark Warren, *Dry Bones Rattling: Community Building to Revitalize American Democracy*

**Week 7: Getting Real About American ‘Democracy’**
• Christopher H. Achen and Larry Bartels, *Democracy for Realists: Why Elections Do Not Produce Responsive Government*
• Jeffrey Edward Green, *The Eyes of the People: Democracy in an Age of Spectatorship*
• Jeffrey Edward Green, *The Shadow of Unfairness*

**Week 8: Democracy In and Against a Post-Truth Culture**
• Sophia Rosenfeld, *Democracy and Truth: A Short History*
• Nadia Urbinati, *Democracy Disfigured: Opinion, Truth and the People*
• Hélène Landemore, *Democratic Reason: Politics, Collective Intelligence, and the Rule of the Many*