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## MODELS OF DEMOCRACY

Presenter: Paul Warwick, Ph.D.

Two Wednesdays, February 9 & 16

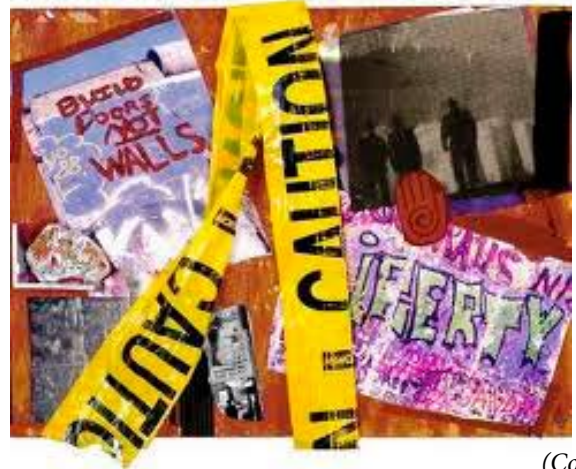
1:30 to 4:30PM

Valle Verde Theater  
 900 Calle de los Amigos

People are asking questions about democracy as never before. In the past twenty years, a large number of countries—including most of the former Soviet bloc—have adopted or re-adopted democracy as a form of government, but this naturally raises difficult issues: What type of democracy should we adopt? Will it work? In established democracies, too, these same concerns appear in various forms: Can we get more people involved in government and politics? Can we make the government more responsive to voters? Can we make it more effective?

The painful reality is that there are no simple answers to these questions: total participation can mean total gridlock; defending democratic values can mean defying public opinion. This dilemma means that any system of democratic governance must make trade-offs between democratic virtues, and the various types of democracy that exist in the world today—presidential, semi-presidential, parliamentary, and the like—strike very different trade-offs.

In this course, we will examine the origins of these different types of democracy and examine the particular balances they strike between the sometimes conflicting goals of effectiveness, responsiveness, and preservation of fundamental values. Our objectives are to survey the full democratic ‘menu,’ to understand better why countries make different choices from that menu, and to evaluate the consequences of these different choices.



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### ENROLLMENT FORM: *Models of Democracy*

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**Deadline for registration: January 26, 2011**

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Paul Warwick received his bachelor's degree at McMaster University (Canada) and his MA and PhD at the University of Chicago. He is the author or co-author of six books and numerous scholarly articles, mainly having to do with European politics. He currently is a professor of international studies and political science at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada.



### VISTAS Winter 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Date	Time	Venue
<b>Theater in the Making: <i>Biederman's Match</i> (3)</b>	Tues, Jan 4,	5:45PM	UCSB
<b>World Economy in Crisis (3)</b>	Tues, Jan 11	9:30-12:30	Goleta Library
<b>Human Migration Redux (2)</b>	Wed, Jan 12	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
<b>Documentary Club</b>	Thurs, Jan 27	2:00PM	Maravilla Theater
<b>Court of the Red Tsar: Stalin (5)</b>	Mon, Jan 17	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
<b>Mao to Now (4)</b>	Mon, Feb 28	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
<b>Documentary Club</b>	Thurs, Feb 24	2:00PM	Maravilla Theater



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