



<b>Title</b>	<b><u>Election rights in the U.S. and Europe - a comparative perspective</u></b>
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<b>Brief description</b>	<p>The course gives an insight to the constitutional background of electoral rights in the United States and in Europe. The first half of the course deals with the U.S., with a special focus on minority representation and discrimination through electoral districting. Since recently the federal supreme court delivered an important judgment, special focus will be on the future of electoral regulation.</p> <p>The second half puts the European experience next to the first half, with a special focus on Hungary and the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. It is our aim not just to highlight the most important characteristics of the U.S. and European approach, but to draw comparative conclusions that might apply outside of the narrower topic of elections as well.</p>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Right to Vote in the US – Federalism and Constitutional Law</li><li>2. Vote Dilution and Minority Groups</li><li>3. The Voting Rights Act</li><li>4. The End of the VRA</li><li>5. The Future of US Law and Elections</li><li>6. Right to vote in Europe - general framework - European Convention of Human Rights; EU law</li><li>7. Electoral systems and gerrymandering in Europe - National framework - Germany, Hungary</li><li>8. Elections in an illiberal political system - the example of Hungary</li><li>9. Electoral litigation in Hungary</li><li>10. Exam</li></ol>

<b>Materials/Recommended readings</b>	TBA
<b>Assessment/Exam</b>	On site open book exam.