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**SUBFIELDS**

**AMERICAN POLITICS**  Study the current and classical scholarly literature on American government regarding Congress, presidency, courts, elections, public opinion, interest groups and parties. Publications focus on campaigns and elections, representation in legislatures, judicial decision making, selection of federal judges, public opinion, gender and politics (including LGBTQ politics) and democratic theory.

**COMPARATIVE POLITICS**  Study and compare domestic politics and the political, economic, and societal institutions of countries around the world. OSU faculty members have areas of specialty focusing on Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Central Asia.

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