

Political Science 262

SEMINAR IN PUBLIC OPINION AND BEHAVIOR

Spring Quarter, 1955

NOTES ON PROCEDURE:

1. The class will meet weekly for two hours.
2. Class hours will be supplemented by individual conferences.
3. The first meeting of the full class will be on Friday, April 8th from 4PM-6PM. Future meeting dates and hours will be arranged at that time.
4. The class will meet at Serra House.
5. Prior to the class meeting of April 8th, all participants are asked to read the following book, which may be purchased at the bookstore:

Roberto Michels, First Lectures in Political Sociology
(Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1949, \$2.75)

6. Each participant should immediately think about a topic for his term paper which will constitute three-quarters of his work in the course. To accelerate this process, each student is requested to have ready for the first full meeting of the class a topic or subject that, tentatively at least, strikes him as interesting, important, and capable of being treated. The topic should be strictly delimited; some idea should be held regarding the method of study whereby the topic may be studied. The topic should deal with some question of public opinion or political leadership. The first three or four weeks of the course will be devoted principally to the careful preparation of such topics for study and the remainder of the course to the efforts of individual participants to complete the task they have set for themselves.