U.S. Government 101 - 6 Week Series

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - 4:30pm to 5:30pm
New Haven, CT

OISS is thrilled to announce a brand new series focused on the U.S. Government that will be led by Dr. Ron Heiferman, Professor Emeritus of History at Quinnipiac University and Associate Fellow of Berkeley College at Yale.

In this six-week series, Ron will lead an informal class on the U.S. government. We are limiting the size of the class to 15 participants in order to facilitate conversation between the instructor and participants.

In order to register for this series, you must be available to attend all six sessions.

Below is a short description and the dates for the series.

Wednesday, October 7, 4:30-5:30 PM - Writing the Constitution
In 1787 delegates from the original thirteen states met in Philadelphia to discuss amending the Articles of Confederation or drafting an entirely new document. They decided to start anew but that was easier said than done. We will discuss what happened in our first session.

Wednesday, October 14, 4:30-5:30 PM - Bill of Rights
After the Constitution was drafted and ratified, some of the "authors" of the document realized that the document should be amended to include guarantees of individual rights. They drafted a Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution, for the purpose. We will discuss the importance of the Bill of Rights in our session.

Wednesday, October 21, 4:30-5:30 PM - Electing a President
There will be a presidential election on November 3, 2020. The way in which American presidents are chosen is complex and will be the topic of our third and fourth sessions.

Wednesday, November 4, 4:30-5:30 PM - Political Parties
Although the authors of the Constitution were wary of political cliques and factions, political parties evolved quite rapidly. This session will focus on the history of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Wednesday, November 11, 4:30-5:30 PM - Public Opinion
Measuring the political leanings and opinions of American voters has become a large industry. In this last session we will discuss political polling and its impact on elections in the United States.

This session is only open to the Yale international community.

You must register to enroll and receive the Zoom instructions.

Register Here [1]
Links:
[1] https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/OISS/rsvp?id=807270