

Australian and Canadian Political Systems

This Masters' course will analyse the Australian and Canadian political systems in depth. It will focus on the electoral systems, party system, the foreign policy and economic and security relations of the two respective countries. It will begin with an introduction to the historical perspective and analyse the influence of the British Empire and the Commonwealth of Nations. It will also discuss which system – British or American – is the predominant one in regards to both political systems. Both systems derive from British heritage but throughout the 20th century they were highly connected to the new global power – the United States of America.