

**PS 101 Selected Topics in Political Science: Private Politics, Self-Regulation, and Corporate Social Responsibility.** 9 units (3-0-6); winter term. This course focuses on private politics led by social activists and NGOs and directed at firms that can self-regulate and may accept social responsibilities. Private politics is the direct application of social pressure to change the behavior of economic agents such as firms. Firms can self-regulate and practice corporate social responsibility to mitigate private politics or may do so strategically to further their private interests. The course develops theories and considers empirical evidence. Basic principles from economics, political science, and game theory are used.