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## Why Democracy? Why Capitalism? Why the West?

*Presented by: Paul Warwick*

Monday, February 6  
 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
 Valle Verde Social Room  
 900 Calle de los Amigos

This unique course will examine the development of the modern world through the prism of one of its key sources, the city-state. It will show that the survival of city-states in a world dominated by much more powerful kingdoms and empires was critical to the emergence of democracy and capitalism in Europe and subsequently to Europe's rise in power and wealth relative to other regions of the world.

In the course of this excursion through history, we shall see why the roots of Western democracy can be traced to the city-states of ancient Greece, why the Renaissance that marked an end of the middle ages in Europe was centered on the city-states of northern Italy, and perhaps most crucially, why the values, custom and practices of these city-states survived when they themselves did not.

Also explored will be how representative government and capitalism came to be linked in city-states and how the key elements of this "minority" form of political and economic organization came to prevail, first in the Western World and then beyond it.




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### **ENROLLMENT FORM: WHY DEMOCRACY, CAPITALISM, THE WEST?**

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**Please enroll by January 29, 2012**

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## BIOGRAPHY

Paul Warwick received his bachelor's degree at McMaster University (Canada) and his MA and PhD at the University of Chicago. He is the author or co-author of six books and numerous scholarly articles, mainly having to do with European politics. He currently is Professor of International Studies and Political Science at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada.



### VISTAS Winter 2012 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Sub-Saharan Africa	Wed, Jan 4, 11, 18	9:30-12:30	Goleta Library
Pirates! Treasure Island to Somalia	Tues, Jan 24, 31 and Feb 7	9:30am	Goleta Library
Documentary Club	Thurs, Feb 16	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Health Care Ethics	Monday, Feb 27	9:30am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Marriage of Figaro	Mon., Mar 5	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
Harvard Justice II	Wed, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28	9:30am	Valle Verde Social Rm
The Balcony Empire	Mon, Mar 12, 19, 26	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm



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