Questions concerning representation and democratic accountability are at the heart of the discipline of political science. This seminar discusses methods of political accountability in the context of the Colombian national legislature. Over the last twenty years, following the adoption of the 1991 Colombian Constitution, how effective have mechanisms of horizontal accountability been in promoting legislative effectiveness and controlling corruption? In particular, the talk will focus on internal party discipline within the Colombian Congress, judicial review of legislative decisions, and the use of the presidential veto.

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