Women and Legislatures

Introduction
- Historical perspective
- Comparative perspective
- Hierarchy of representation

Women and Representation
- Descriptive representation
- Symbolic representation
  - Surrogate representation
- Substantive representation

Women as Political Representatives
- Ideology
- Policy Agenda
- Political style
- Leadership roles

Women in state legislatures
- By the numbers
- Legislative activities
- Ideology
- Variance across the states
- Explaining inter-state variance

Assessing the impact of women in legislatures
- Women-friendly legislation
- Women’s expertise
- Government legitimacy
- Women as role models
- Women’s political empowerment
- Towards the future: Theories of Critical Mass