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## Ethnic Minority Representation in the 2022 Australian Federal Election

The 2022 Australian Federal election observed record-level ethnic minority candidates elected. However, the shares of candidates and elected Members of Parliaments with ethnic minority backgrounds are still much lower than their relative shares in the population. In this regard, Australia has lagged behind other major settler countries.

The underrepresentation of ethnic minorities in the political institutions can exacerbate inequality between majority and minority populations and increase feelings of alienation among minority groups, as political representation is a crucial step towards having the interests of the represented groups heard in the democratic system.

In this seminar, Qing Guan and Juliet Pietsch look at the political representation of ethnic candidates in the federal election and examine whether ethnic minorities are selected by political parties in areas with high ethnic minority concentrations.



### **In-person seminar**

Friday 26 May 1pm - 2pm HC  
Coombs Extension Teaching  
Room 2.10 (Level 2)  
& Streaming Oline

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