Historical/Political Thought

Directed Studies: Fall 2023

Books:

*The Hebrew Bible* (Oxford Revised Standard Version, 2018)

Herodotus, *The History*, trans. David Grene (University of Chicago, 1987)

Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, trans. Rex Warner (Penguin, 1971)

Plato, *Republic*, trans. Tom Griffith (Cambridge UP)

Aristotle, *The Politics*, trans. Carnes Lord (Chicago)

Livy, *The Rise of Rome: Books 1–5*, trans. T.J. Luce (Oxford, 1998)

Tacitus, *Annals*, trans. Michael Grant (Penguin Classics, 2013)

Augustine, *City of God*, trans. Henry Bettenson (Penguin, 2004)

Aquinas, *Treatise on Law*, trans. Richard D. Regan (Hackett, 2000)

**Week 1 = MW schedule (TTh schedule follows)**

Aug 30: Genesis 37-50; Exodus 1-15

Lecture: Aug 31, 4:00 p.m: Bryan Garsten (Hebrew Bible)

Sept 1: Exodus 16-40; Deuteronomy 29-32, 34

**Week 2**

Sept 6: Herodotus, I. 1-91; II. 35-41; III. 27-38; III. 61-89; VI. 94-120

Lecture: September 8: Norma Thompson (Herodotus)

**Week 3**

Sept 11: Herodotus, VII. 1-60; 99-105; VII. 129-63, 184-87; VII. 201-VIII.125; VIII. 140-144.

Sept 13: Thucydides, I. 1-1.23; 66-1.97; 125-146; II. 1-2.65

Lecture: September 15: Dan Schillinger (Thucydides)

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**Week 4**

Sept 18: Thucydides, III. 36-50; 81-84; V. 84-116.

Sept 20: Thucydides VI. 6-32; 47-61; 88-93; VII. 50-87.

Lecture: September 22: Heather Wilford (Plato)

**Week 5**

Sept 25: Plato, *Republic* I-II

Sept 27: Plato, *Republic,* III-V

Lecture: September 29: Stephanie Almeida Nevin (Plato)

**Week 6**

Oct 2: Plato, *Republic* VI-VIII

Oct 4: Aristotle, *Politics* I, II:1-8

Lecture: October 6: Dan Schillinger (Aristotle)

**Week 7**

Oct 9: Aristotle, *Politics* III; IV.1-3.

Oct 11: Aristotle, *Politics*, IV. 4-12; VII.1-3; 13-15

Lecture: Oct 13: Norma Thompson (Aristotle/Polybius)

Paper #2 due Friday, October 13

**Week 8**

Oct 16: Polybius, *Histories* I.1-6; III.1-6, 10-11, 30-32, 77-81; VI.1-18, 25-26, 36-39, 41-58; X.2; XI.19.

Autumn Break: No lecture

**Week 9**

Oct 23: Livy, The Rise of Rome, (Author’s) Preface, I.1–21, 46–60; II.1–13, 23–33, 54–61.

Oct 25: Livy, *The Rise of Rome*, IV.1–7, 58–61; V (entire)

Oct 27: Lecture: Isaac Nakhimovsky (Livy)

**Week 10**

Oct 30: Plutarch, *Lives*, “Caesar”

Nov 1:Paul’s *Letter to the Romans*

Nov 3: Ben Barasch (Plutarch/Paul)

**Week 11**

Nov 6: Tacitus, *Annals* I (entire); IV.32-35

Nov 8: Tacitus, *Annals* XIII.1-28; XIV.1-21, 29-39; XV.36-39, 44, 47-64.

Nov 10: Lecture: Steven Smith (Tacitus)

**Week 12**

Nov 13: Augustine I.1-4, 14, 19-21; IV.3-4; V.1-4, 8, 18; VIII.9-11; XI.1; XII 1-14.

Nov 15: Augustine, XIV.1-6, 11-21; XVIII.49-53; XIX.7, 10-28.

Nov 17: Lecture: Paul Freedman (Augustine)

Paper #3 due Friday, November 17

Thanksgiving Break

**Week 13**

Nov 27: Al-Farabi, *The Political Regime*, *The Attainment of Happiness*

Nov 29: Maimonides, *Guide of the Perplexed*

Dec 1: Lecture: Paul Franks or Paul Freedman (Al-Farabi, Maimonides)

**Week 14**

Dec 4: Aquinas, *Treatise on Law* Q 90-94

Dec 6: Aquinas, *Treatise on Law* Q 95-97

Dec 8: Lecture: Glauco Schettini (Aquinas)

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