

**DIRECTED STUDIES: HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT**  
SPRING 2017

**Lectures**            Friday 11.35-12.25  
                         Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium (53 Wall Street)

**Discussion Sections**

Philip Gorski	MW 2:30-3:45
David Bromwich	MW 9:00-10:15
Anthony Kronman	TTH 2:30-3:45
Isaac Nakhimovsky	MW 9:00-10:15
Terence Renaud	TTH 9:00-10:15
Giulia Oskian	TTH 1:00-2:15
Daniel Luban	WF 2:30-3:45

**Books** (available at the World Language Center, located in the Yale Bookstore)

- Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. E. Curley (Hackett, 1994)
- John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, ed. C.B. MacPherson (Hackett, 1980)
- David Hume, *Enquiries concerning Human Understanding and concerning the Principles of Morals*, edited by L. A. Selby-Bigge and P. H. Nidditch, third edition (Oxford, 1975)
- David Hume, *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary*, ed. E.F. Miller (Liberty Fund, 1987)
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Major Political Writings*, ed. J.T. Scott (Chicago, 2012)
- A. Hamilton, J. Madison, and J. Jay, *The Federalist*, ed. J.R. Pole (Hackett, 2005)
- Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, ed. C.C. O'Brien (Penguin, 1982)
- Immanuel Kant, *Perpetual Peace and Other Essays*, trans. Ted Humphrey (Hackett, 1983)
- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, ed. H. Mansfield and D. Winthrop (Chicago, 2002)
- Karl Marx, *Selected Writings*, ed. L. Simon (Hackett, 1994)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, trans. Maudemarie Clark and Alan J. Swensen (Hackett, 1998)
- W.E.B. DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, ed. J. Holloway (Yale, 2015)
- Hannah Arendt, *Origins of Totalitarianism* (Harcourt, 1973)

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**Lectures and Reading Assignments**

**Week of January 16 (classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 17; Monday classes meet Friday, Jan. 20)**

Reading & discussions: Luther, *On Secular Authority* and Montaigne, *Essays*

- (i) Luther, *On Secular Authority* (handout)
- (ii) Montaigne, *Essays*: “Of Cannibals,” selection from “Apology for Raymond Sebond,” and “Of Freedom of Conscience” (handout)

Lecture: \*Thurs., Jan. 19, at 4pm, on Luther and Montaigne (S. Semmel)

**Week of January 23 (week 2)**

Reading & discussions: Hobbes, *Leviathan*

- (i) *Leviathan*, Author’s Introduction; chap. 1, 5–6, 10–14.
- (ii) *Leviathan*, chap. 16–18, 21, 29–30.

Lecture: Fri., Jan. 27, on Hobbes’ *Leviathan* (B. Garsten)

**Week of January 30 (week 3)**

Reading & discussions: Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*

- (i) *Second Treatise of Government*, chap. 1-8
- (ii) *Second Treatise of Government*, chap. 9-19

Lecture: Fri., Feb. 3, on Locke’s *Second Treatise* (A. Kronman)

**Week of February 6 (week 4)**

Reading & discussions: Hume, *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*, and *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary*

- (i) *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*, sections 1-4, 9; “A Dialogue.”
- (ii) *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary*: “Of the Original Contract,” “Of Civil Liberty,” “Of Commerce,” “Of Refinement in the Arts,” “Of the First Principles of Government,” “Of the Origin of Government.”

Lecture: Fri., Feb. 10, on Hume (A. Sabl)

**Week of February 13 (week 5)**

Reading & discussions: Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality, The Social Contract*

- (i) *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, dedication, Preface, and part 1 (including Rousseau’s note IX on pp. 127-133).
- (ii) *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, part 2 (including Rousseau’s note XV on p. 147)

Lecture: Fri., Feb. 17, on Rousseau (I. Nakhimovsky)

**Week of February 20 (week 6)**

Reading & discussions: Rousseau, *The Social Contract* and Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, *The Federalist*

- (i) *The Social Contract*, books 1-2 (all); book 3, chap. 1-4, 10-15; book 4, chap. 1-2, 8-9.
- (ii) *The Federalist Papers*, No. 1-6, 9-10, 20, 39, 55, 84.

Lecture: Fri., Feb. 24, on *The Federalist* (D. Luban)

**Week of February 27 (week 7)**

Reading & discussions: Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

- (i) pp. 84-156, 163-205.
- (ii) pp. 244-50; 266-85; 335-49; 373-77.

Lecture: Fri., Mar. 3, on Burke’s *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (S. Semmel)

**Week of March 6 (week 8)**

Reading & discussions: Kant, *What is Enlightenment, Universal History, Theory and Practice, Perpetual Peace*

- (i) *What is Enlightenment* (pp. 41-46) and *Idea for a Universal History* (pp. 29-39)
- (ii) *On the Proverb: That May be True in Theory, But Is of No Practical Use* (pp. 61-89) and *Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch* (107-139)

Lecture: Fri., Mar. 10 on Kant (I. Nakhimovsky)

----- **Spring Recess March 11-26** -----**Week of March 27 (week 9)**

Reading & discussions: Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*

- (i) *Democracy in America*, vol. I: Introduction; Part 1, chap. 2 (pp. 27-32, 35-40, 43), 3-4, 5 (pp. 56-58); Part 2, chap. 1-2, 4, 5 (pp. 187-190), 7-9.
- (ii) *Democracy in America*, vol. II: Notice (pp. 399-400); Part 1, chap. 1-2; Part 2, chap. 1-5, 8-10; Part 3, chap. 1-2, 8-12; Part 4, chap. 6-8.

Lecture: Fri., Mar. 31, on Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America* (G. Oskian)

**Week of April 3 (week 10)**

Reading & discussions: Marx, *German Ideology* and *Communist Manifesto*

- (i) “Introduction” to *Toward a Critique of the Philosophy of Right* (pp. 28-39); *Communist Manifesto* (pp. 158-186)
- (ii) “Alienated labor” in *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts* (pp. 58-68); *Theses on Feuerbach* (pp. 99-101); and *German Ideology* (pp. 103-156)

Lecture: Fri., Apr. 7, on Marx (K. Mantena)

**Week of April 10 (week 11)**

Reading & discussions: Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*

(i) *Genealogy of Morality*, preface and treatise 1.

(ii) *Genealogy of Morality*, treatises 2-3.

Lecture: Fri., Apr. 14, on Nietzsche's *Genealogy of Morality* (T. Renaud)

**Week of April 17 (week 12)**

Reading & discussions: DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*

(i) chap. 1-6.

(ii) chap. 7-8, 13-14.

Lecture: Fri., Apr. 21, on DuBois's *The Souls of Black Folk* (D. Bromwich)

**Week of April 24 (week 13)**

Reading & discussions: Arendt, *Origins of Totalitarianism*

(i) Preface to First Edition (pp. vii–ix); Preface to Part One: Antisemitism (pp. xi–xvi); Preface to Part Two: Imperialism (pp. xvii–xxii); Preface to Part Three: Totalitarianism (pp. xxiii–xl); Part I, chap. 1, “Antisemitism as an Outrage to Common Sense” (pp. 3–10); Part II, chap. 5, “The Political Emancipation of the Bourgeoisie,” (pp. 123–157); Part II, chap. 8, “Continental Imperialism: the Pan-Movements” (pp. 222–227).

(ii) Part II, chap. 9, “The Decline of the Nation-State and the End of the Rights of Man,” intro & sect. i (pp. 267–282 [end of first paragraph]); Part II, chap. 9, sect. ii “The Perplexities of the Rights of Man” (pp. 290–302); Part III, chap. 12, sect. iii: “Total Domination” (pp. 437–459); Part III, chap. 13, “Ideology and Terror” (pp. 474–479).

Lecture: Fri., Apr. 28, on Arendt (P. Gorski)