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)
- Karl Marx, *Selected Writings*, ed. L. Simon (Hackett, 1994)

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)
- 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.

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*
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*
2. *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)
Lecture: Fri., Feb. 24, on *The Federalist* (D. Luban)

Week of February 27 (week 7)
Reading & discussions: Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
1. pp. 84–156, 163-205.
2. 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*
1. *What is Enlightenment* (pp. 41-46) and *Idea for a Universal History* (pp. 29-39)
2. *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*
2. *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*
1. “Introduction” to *Toward a Critique of the Philosophy of Right* (pp. 28-39); *Communist Manifesto* (pp. 158-186)
2. “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 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)