

Directed Studies: Historical & Political Thought Fall 2016

Lectures: F 11:35–12:25, Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium

Discussion sections (consult www.yale.edu/oci for section locations)

Steven Smith	TTH 9-10:15
Charles Hill	TTH 9-10:15
Norma Thompson	TTH 2:30-3:45
Giulia Oskian	TTH 1-2:15
Terence Renaud	TTH 9-10:15
Stuart Semmel	TTH 2:30-3:45
Daniel Luban	MW 2:30-3:45

Books (World Language Center at the Yale Bookstore, 77 Broadway, New Haven CT, 203 776-3431)

Herodotus, *The History*, trans. David Grene (University of Chicago, 1987)
Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, trans. Rex Warner (Penguin, 1971)
Plato, *Plato: Complete Works*, ed. John Cooper (Hackett, 1997)
Aristotle, *Politics*, trans. C.D.C. Reeve (Hackett, 1998)
Livy, *The Rise of Rome: Books 1–5*, trans. T.J. Luce (Oxford, 1998)
Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire*, trans. Ian Scott-Kilvert (Penguin, 1980)
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)
Machiavelli, *Selected Political Writings*, trans. David Wootton (Hackett, 1994)

Lectures and Reading Assignments

Weekly lectures provide historical and intellectual context to help frame the week's readings and discussions. Reading assignments for the first and second discussion section of each week are indicated by (i) and (ii), and, unless page numbers are noted, reading assignments refer to book number, followed by chapter number (for example, Book 2, Chapters 12 and 13 would be written as 2.12-13).

Week of Aug. 29 (week 1: classes begin Wednesday, August 31; because of the Labor Day holiday, sections that would have met on Monday, Sept. 5 meet on Friday, Sept. 2 instead)
Reading and discussion: Herodotus, *History*

(i.) Herodotus, *History*, 1.1-91; 3.27-38, 3.61-89
Lecture: Thursday, September 1, 4:00, on Herodotus's *History* (Kathryn Slanski)

Week of September 5 (week 2)
Reading and discussions: Herodotus, *History*

(i) Herodotus, *History*, 6.94-140; 7.1-60; 7.99-124

(ii.) Herodotus, *History*, 7.125-8.125; 8.140-144

Lecture: Friday, September 9 on Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War* (Norma Thompson)

Week of September 12 (week 3)

Reading and discussions: Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*

(i) Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, 1.1-1.23 (pp. 35-49); 1.66-1.97 (pp. 72-93); 1.125-1.146 (pp. 108-23).

(ii) Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, 2.1-2.65 (pp. 124-64); 3.81-3.84 (pp. 241-45); 5.84-5.116 (pp. 400-8)

Lecture: Friday, September 16 on Thucydides, II - Plato, *The Republic*, I (Charles Hill)

Week of September 19 (week 4)

Reading and discussions: Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War* & Plato, *The Republic*

(i) Thucydides, *History of the Peloponnesian War*, 6.6-6.32 (pp. 412-29); 6.47-6.61 (pp. 439-49); 6.89-6.93 (pp. 466-70); 7.50-7.87 (pp. 510-537)

(ii) Plato's *Republic*, Book I

Lecture: Friday, September 23 on Plato, *The Republic*, II (Steven Smith)

Week of September 26 (week 5)

Reading and discussions: Plato, *The Republic*

(i) Plato's *Republic*, Books II-IV

(ii) Plato's *Republic*, Books V-VII

Lecture: Friday, September 30, on end of Plato's *Republic* and Aristotle, *The Politics*: I (Bryan Garsten)

Week of October 3 (week 6)

Reading and discussions: Plato's *Republic* and Aristotle, *The Politics*

(i) Plato's *Republic*, Books VIII-X

(ii) Aristotle, *Politics*, I-II.5, 8

Lecture: Friday, October 7 on Aristotle, *The Politics*, II (Norma Thompson)

Week of October 10 (week 7)

Reading and discussions: Aristotle, *The Politics*

(i) Aristotle, *Politics*, III-IV

(ii) Aristotle, *Politics*, VII.1-9, 13-15

Lecture: Friday, October 14 on Polybius, *Rise of the Roman Empire* and Livy, *The Rise of Rome* (Stuart Semmel)

Week of October 17 (week 8): Fall Break: October 19-21

Reading and discussions: Polybius, *Rise of the Roman Empire*

(i) Polybius, *Rise of the Roman Empire*, I.1–6; III.1–11, 31–33, 57–59, 77–81; VI (entire); IX.1–2; X.2; XI.19

No Lecture

Week of October 24 (week 9)

Reading and discussion: Livy, *The Rise of Rome*

(i) Livy, *The Rise of Rome*, (Author's) Preface; I.1–21, 46–60; II.1–13, 23–40, 54–61; III.44–58, 64–69|

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

Lecture: Friday, October 28, on Tacitus's *Annals* (Steven Smith)

Week of October 31 (week 10)

Reading and discussion: Tacitus, *Annals* and *Agricola*

(i) Tacitus, *Annals*, I.1-14, IV.32-35; XIII.1-28; XIV.1-21; XV.36-39, 44, 47-64

(ii) Tacitus, *Agricola* (handout)

Lecture: Friday, November 4 on Augustine, *City of God* (Daniel Luban)

Week of November 7 (week 11)

Reading and discussions: Augustine, *City of God*

(i) Augustine, *City of God*, I.4, 14–35; II.4–7; IV.3–4; V.1–26; VIII.3–13; XI.1; XII.1–14, 21–23; XIII.21

(ii) Augustine, *City of God*, XIV.1–6, 11–28; XV.1–6; XVIII.49–53; XIX (entire)

Lecture: Friday, November 11 on Alfarabi and Maimonides (Steven Smith)

Week of November 14 (week 12)

Reading and discussions: Alfarabi and Maimonides

(i) Alfarabi, *The Political Regime, The Attainment of Happiness* (selections, handout)

(ii) Maimonides, *Guide of the Perplexed* (selections, handout)

Lecture: Friday, November 18 on Aquinas, *Summa theologiae* (Charles Hill)

Nov. 21–25: November Recess

Week of November 28 (week 13)

Reading and discussion: Aquinas, *Summa theologiae*

(i) Q90–Q94 (pp. 1–43)

(ii) Q95–Q97 (pp. 44–69)

Lecture: Friday, December 2 on Machiavelli, *The Prince* and *Discourses on Livy* (Giulia Oskian)

Week of December 5 (week 14)

Reading and discussions: Machiavelli, *The Prince* and *Discourses on Livy*

(i) *The Prince*, chap. 1-14

(ii) *The Prince*, chap. 15-26; *Discourses on Livy*, 1.11-13, 1.16-18, 2.2.

Lecture: Friday, December 9: Retrospective (Terence Renaud)