DIRECTED STUDIES: HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT
SPRING 2018

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

Discussion Sections

Stuart Semmel  TTh  1:00-2:15
Terence Renaud MW  9:00-10:15
Daniel Luban  MW  2:30-3:45
Giulia Oskian  MW  9:00-10:15
Andrew Sabl   TTh  1:00-2:15
Katrin Trüstedt WF  2:30-3:45
Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins   TTh  1:00-2:15

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

• Thomas Hobbes, Leviathan, ed. E. Curley (Hackett, 1994)
• David Hume, Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary, ed. E. F. Miller (Liberty Fund, 1987)
• Immanuel Kant, Perpetual Peace and Other Essays, trans. Ted Humphrey (Hackett, 1983)
• Alexis de Tocqueville, Democracy in America, trans. and 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. Walter Kaufmann (Vintage, 1989)
• Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents (Norton, 1989)
• Hannah Arendt, The Origins of Totalitarianism (Harcourt, 1973)
Lectures and Reading Assignments

Week of January 16 (classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16; Monday classes meet Friday, Jan. 20)
  Reading & discussions: Hobbes
   (i) *Leviathan*, Author’s Introduction; chap. 1, 5-6, 10–14.

Week of January 22 (week 2)
  Reading & discussions: Locke
  Lecture: Wed., Jan. 24, on Locke (S. Semmel)

Week of January 29 (week 3)
  Reading & discussions: Hume
   (i) *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*, sections 1-4, 9; “A Dialogue” (pp. 324-43).
  Lecture: Wed., Jan. 31, on Hume (A. Sabl)

Week of February 5 (week 4)
  Reading & discussions: Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*
   (ii) *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, part 2 (including Rousseau’s note XV on p. 147).
  Lecture: Wed., Feb. 7, on Rousseau (G. Oskian)

Week of February 12 (week 5)
  Reading & discussions: Rousseau, *The Social Contract*
   (i) *Social Contract*, books I and II.
  Lecture: Wed., Feb. 14, on Rousseau (S. Semmel)
Week of February 19 (week 6)
Reading & discussions: Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, The Federalist
(i) The Federalist, 1-6, 9-10, 14, 20, 35.
(ii) The Federalist, 39, 51, 63, 68, 70, 78, 84.
Lecture: Wed., Feb. 21, on The Federalist (D. Luban)

Week of February 26 (week 7) Reading
& discussions: Burke; Kant
(i) Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France (PDF), 84-93, 99-100, 116-141, 14856, 164-74, 183-95, 211-14, 278-85, 373-77.
Lecture: Wed., Feb. 28, on Burke and Kant (T. Renaud)

Week of March 5 (week 8)
Reading & discussions: Tocqueville

(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.
(i) 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: Wed., Mar. 7, on Tocqueville (D. Steinmetz-Jenkins)

---------- Spring Recess March 10–25 ----------

Week of March 26 (week 9) Reading
& discussions: Marx
(i) “Introduction” to Toward a Critique of Hegel’s 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: Wed., March 28, on Marx (K. Mantena)

Week of April 2 (week 10)
Reading & discussions: Du Bois and Murray
(i) Souls of Black Folk, chap. 1-6.
(ii) Souls of Black Folk, chap. 7-8, 13-14.
Pauli Murray, “An American Credo” (PDF).
Lecture: Wed., Apr. 4, on Du Bois (K. Slanski)
Week of April 9 (week 11)
Reading & discussions: Nietzsche
(i) *On the Genealogy of Morality*, preface and treatise 1.

Week of April 16 (week 12)
Reading & discussions: Freud
(i) *Civilization and Its Discontents*, chap. 1-4; *Totem and Taboo*, chap. 4, section 5 (PDF).
(ii) *Civilization and Its Discontents*, chap. 5-8.
Lecture: Wed., Apr. 18, on Freud (K. Trüstedt)

Week of April 23 (week 13) Reading & discussions: Arendt
(i) *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, Prefaces to First and Second Editions (pp. vii–xii); Prefaces to Parts One, Two, and Three (pp. xi–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).
—pp. vii-xl, 3-10, 123-157, 222-227

Lecture: Wed., Apr. 25, on Arendt (S. Moyn)