

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)
 - John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, ed. C. B. MacPherson (Hackett, 1980)
 - David Hume, *Enquiries Concerning Human Understanding and Concerning the Principles of Morals*, ed. L. A. Selby-Bigge and P. H. Nidditch, 3rd edition (Oxford, 1975)
 - David Hume, *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary*, ed. E. F. Miller (Liberty Fund, 1987)
 - Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Major Political Writings*, trans. and ed. J. T. Scott (Chicago, 2012)
 - A. Hamilton, J. Madison, and J. Jay, *The Federalist*, ed. J. R. Pole (Hackett, 2005)
 - 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)
 - W. E. B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk*, ed. J. Holloway (Yale, 2015)
 - Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* (Norton, 1989)
 - Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism* (Harcourt, 1973)
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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.

(ii) *Leviathan*, chap. 16-18, 20-21, 29-30.

Lecture: Wed., Jan. 17, on Hobbes (S. Smith)

Week of January 22 (week 2)

Reading & discussions: Locke

(i) *Second Treatise of Government*, chap. 1-12.

(ii) *Second Treatise of Government*, chap. 13-19.

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).

(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: Wed., Jan. 31, on Hume (A. Sabl)

Week of February 5 (week 4)

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

(i) *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*, dedication ("To the Republic of Geneva," pp. 41-50), 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: 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.

(ii) *Social Contract*, book III, chaps. 2-8, 13, 15; IV, chaps. 2, 8-9.

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, 148-56, 164-74, 183-95, 211-14, 278-85, 373-77.

(ii) Kant, "An Answer to the Question: What Is Enlightenment?" and "On the Proverb: That May Be True in Theory, But Is of No Practical Use," in *Perpetual Peace and Other Essays* (Hackett, 1983), 41-48 and 61-92.

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.
- (ii) *On the Genealogy of Morality*, treatises 2-3. Lecture: Wed., Apr. 11, on Nietzsche (T. Renaud)

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-xi, 3-10, 123-157, 222-227
- (ii) *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, 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, 492-502).
—pp. 290-302, 437-459, 474-479, 492-502

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