

Spring 2020

DIRECTED STUDIES: HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL THOUGHT

(DRST 006)

Lectures: Friday 11.35-12.25 Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium (53 Wall St.)

Discussion Sections:

- 01 Oskian, Giulia TTh 9am-10:15
- 02 Sorkin, David MW 2:30pm-3:45p
- 03 Kreiner, Timothy MW 9am-10:15
- 04 Semmel, Stuart TTh 1 pm-2:15pm
- 05 Thompson, Norma MW 2:30pm-3:45
- 06 Klein, William TTh 2:30pm-3:45p
- 07 Barasch, Benjamin TTh 2:30pm-3:45pm

Texts, (Yale University Bookstore):

Niccolo Machiavelli, *Selected Political Writings* ed. David Wooton (Hackett)

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* ed. E. Curley (Hackett)

John Locke, *Second Treatise on Government* ed. C.B. Macpherson (Hackett)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Two Discourses and Other Early Political Writings* trans. Victor Gourevitch (Cambridge)

The Federalist ed. J.R. Pole (Hackett)

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* ed. Conor Cruise O'Brien (Penguin)

Immanuel Kant, *Perpetual Peace and Other Essays* trans. Ted Humphrey (Hackett)

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* trans. H. Mansfield and D. Winthrop (Chicago)

Karl Marx, *Capital Volume I* trans. Ben Fowkes (Penguin)

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* trans. Walter Kaufmann (Vintage)

W.E.B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* ed. Jonathan Holloway (Yale)

Lectures and Reading:

Week 1 (January 13) **Machiavelli, *The Prince***

- (i) *The Prince*, Letter to Vettori, Dedication, chs. 1-14 (pp. 1-47)
- (ii) *The Prince*, chs. 15-26

Lecture: Thursday January 16: Norma Thompson

Week 2 (January 20) **Machiavelli, *Discourses* /Luther**

- (i) Machiavelli, *The Discourses*, Book 1, Preface, chs. 1-6 (pp. 81-101); chs. 9-13, 16-17 (pp. 107-126); chs. 26-27 (pp. 131-133); ch. 34 (pp. 137-139); chs. 55, 58 (pp. 150-158); Book 2, Preface, ch. 2 (pp. 158-161, pp. 165-171); Book 3, ch. 1 (pp. 189-193).
- (ii) Luther, "On Temporal Authority: Why It Should be Obeyed" (*xerox*)

Lecture January 24: Bryan Garsten

Week 3 (January 27) **Hobbes.**

- (i) *Leviathan* chs. 1, 5-6, 10-14
- (ii) *Leviathan* chs. 16-18, 20-21, 29-30

Lecture January 31: Bill Klein

Week 4 (February 3) **Locke.**

- (i) *Second Treatise on Government* chs. 1-12
- (ii) *Second Treatise on Government* chs. 13-19.

Lecture February 7: Isaac Nakhimovsky

Week 5 (February 10) **Rousseau.**

- (i) *Second Discourse* (including notes IX and XV)
- (ii) *Social Contract* books 1 and 2 (*xerox*)

Lecture February 14: Norma Thompson

Week 6 (February 17) **Federalist.**

- (i) The Declaration of Independence; Federalist Papers, 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 14, 37
- (ii) Federalist Papers 39, 51, 55, 78, 79; The US Constitution

Lecture February 21: Stuart Semmel

Week 7 (February 24) **French Revolution / Burke**

- (i) Sièyes, “What is the Third Estate?”; “Declaration of the Rights of Man”; “Preface to the Constitution of 1793”; Robespierre, “On the Moral and Political Principle of our Domestic Policy” (*xerox*)
- (ii) Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* pp. 84-93, 97-106, 116-35; pp. 148-53

Lecture February 28: Giulia Oskian

Week 8 (March 2) **Burke/ Kant**

- (i) Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* pp. 164-74, 190-95, 150-63; pp. 280-84, 344-49, 245-49; Wollstonecraft “A Vindication of the Right of Man”. “A Vindication of the Right of Women” (*xerox*)
- (ii) Kant, “What Is Enlightenment”; “Idea for a Universal History”; “Perpetual Peace “

Lecture March 6: Giulia Oskian

Week 9 (March 23) **Tocqueville.**

- (i) vol. I: Introduction, Part 1 ch. 2 (pp. 27-32, 35-40, 43), chs. 3-4, ch. 5 (pp. 56-58), Part 2 chs. 1, 3-4, 5 (pp. 187-90); 7-8
- (ii) (ii) vol. II Notice, Part 2 chs. 1-5, 8-10, 20, Part 3 chs. 1-2, 8-12, 21 Part 4 chs. 6-8

Lecture March 27: Tim Kreiner

Week 10 (March 30) **Marx.**

- (i) *Communist Manifesto; Capital* ch 10 (p. 340-353)
- (ii) *Capital*, Capital Part VIII, chs 26-27; 29-33

Lecture April 3: Benjamin Barasch

Week 11 (April 6) **Nietzsche**

- (i) *Genealogy of Morals* preface and treatise 1, 2
- (ii) treatises 3

Lecture April 10 David Bromwich

Week 12 (April 13). **Du Bois**

- (i) *The Souls of Black Folk* chs. 1-5; 9
- (ii) (ii) chs. 10-14; “Souls of White Folk” (*xerox*)

Lecture April 17: David Sorkin

Week 13 (April 20) **Arendt**

- (i) *Origins of Totalitarianism*, part II ch. 9, “The Decline of the Nation State and the End of the Rights of Man,” (pp. 267-302), part II ch. 12 section iii “Total Domination” (pp. 437-59), Part III ch. 13 “Ideology and Terror” (pp. 474-79)
- (ii) “Personal Responsibility Under Dictatorship” (*all selections xerox*)