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 1 trans. Ben Fowkes (Penguin)

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

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

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**


Lecture February 28: Giulia Oskian

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


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) 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*)