

Political Science 772
Modern Political Thought
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This course is a continuation of Political Science 771. The aim of this course is to survey some of the most important texts of modern political thought from Kant through Nietzsche. This course will be run through discussion, so you need to do the reading carefully before class. You should bring the week's readings to class. I expect all students to participate intelligently and respectfully in class. You will write five three page papers, and one 10 to 12 page research paper.

Short papers should be three double spaced pages long. They should not summarize the texts, but should critically or sympathetically analyze an important argument in the readings. Short papers are due at noon the day of class. You must pick a schedule below for the short papers, and email me your choice by Monday, January 17th.

Readings

The following are the editions that will be used in the course, and are available at the bookstore.

Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, Hackett
Kant/Riess, *Political Writings*, Cambridge
Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Oxford
Hegel, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, Cambridge
Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*, Oxford
Marx/Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, Norton
Nietzsche/Kaufmann, *Beyond Good and Evil*, Vintage

You should also purchase a copy of Patten, *Hegel's Idea of Freedom*. You can find a reasonable priced copy on the web. The Hume essays can be found online

January

- 12 Hume, A Treatise of Human Nature, Book II, Part I, sections 7, 10, 11; Book II, Part II, sections 5, 7; Book 2, Part 3, section 1; Book 3 (entire)
- 19 Hume, "That Politics May be Reduced to a Science"; "Of the Balance of Power"
"Of the Original Contract," "Of the Origin of Government," "Of Parties in General,"
"Of Superstition and Enthusiasm," "Of the Rise and Progress of the Arts and Sciences,"
Of Commerce"

Sabl, Andrew. "Noble Infirmity." *Political Theory* 34, no. 5 (2006): 542.

Krause, Sharon R. "Hume and the (False) Luster of Justice." *Political Theory* (2004): 628-55.

Whelan, Frederick G. "Hume and Contractarianism." *Polity* 27, no. 2 (1994): 201-24.

- 26 Kant, "Groundwork for a Metaphysics of Morals"; "On a Supposed Right to Lie Because of Philanthropic Concerns"
Herman, Barbara. "Mutual Aid and Respect for Persons." *Ethics* (1984): 577-602.
Korsgaard, Christine M. "The Right to Lie: Kant on Dealing With Evil." *Philosophy Public Affairs* (1986): 325-49.

February

- 2 Kant, "The Metaphysics of Morals" (read entire extract in the Reiss volume)
Kant, "Perpetual Peace"
Ripstein, "Kant on Law"
Susan Meld Shell, "Kant's Theory of Property." *Political Theory* 6, no. 1 (1978): 75-90.
Korsgaard, "Taking the Law into Our Own Hands: Kant on the Right to Revolution"
- 9 Kant, "What is Enlightenment?"; "What is Orientation in Thinking?";
"Conjectures on the Beginning of Human History"; "The Contest of Faculties"
"On the Common Saying: That May Be Correct in Theory, But It Is of No Use in Practice"
Dupré, Louis. "Kant's Theory of History and Progress." *The Review of Metaphysics* 51, no. 4 (1998): 813-28.
Wilkins, Burleigh Taylor. "Teleology in Kant's Philosophy of History." *History and Theory* 5, no. 2 (1966): 172-85.
Hill, Thomas E. "Humanity as an End in Itself." *Ethics* 91, no. 1 (1980): 84-99
- 16 Hegel, *The Philosophy of Right*
Preface (entire); Introduction: paragraphs 1, 4-7, 29, 33
Abstract Right: 34-51; 65-7; 70-75; 81; 90-97; 100-104
Morality: 105-107; 114-141
Ethical Life: 142, 144-147, 149, 151-155, 157
The Family: 158, 161-166, 169-177, 181
Patten, *Hegel's Idea of Freedom*, chs. 1-3
- 23 Hegel, *The Philosophy of Right*
Civil Society: 182-183, 185, 187-190, 194-195, 197-202, 205, 207, 209, 211-212, 215, 224, 228-230, 236-239, 241-249, 251-253, 255;
The State: 257-258, 260-261, 268, 270, 291, 294, 296-297, 301-304, 308-309, 311, 314-319, 322, 324, 328, 331, 344-345, 347, 351, 353-358.
Patten, *Hegel's Idea of Freedom*, chs 4-conclusion

March

- 2 Marx, "On the Jewish Question"; Theses on Feuerbach"; "Germany Ideology" "Critique of the Gotha Program"; "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte";
"Communist Manifesto"

- 9 Spring Break
- 16 Marx, "Economic-Philosophical Manuscripts," 66-93; "Wage Labour and Capital," "Grundrisse," 221-244, Capital, 302-329, 367-376
Wood, "The Marxian Critique of Justice"
Husami, Ziyad I. "Marx on Distributive Justice." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 8, no. 1 (1978): 27-64.
- 23 Mill, "On Liberty"
Stephen, *Liberty, Equality, Fraternity*, pp. 18-42
Jacobson, Daniel. "Mill on Liberty, Speech, and the Free Society." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 29, no. 3 (2000): 276-309.
- 30 No Class
- April
- 6 Bentham, *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, chs. 1-5
Mill, *Utilitarianism*
Brink, David. "Mill's Deliberative Utilitarianism." *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 21, no. 1 (1992): 67-103.
- 13 Mill, *Subjection of Women; Representative Government*, chs. 1-8, 16;
Shanley, Mary Lyndon. "Marital Slavery and Friendship: John Stuart Mill's the Subjection of Women." *Political Theory* 9, no. 2 (1981): 229-47.
Dyzenhaus, D. "John Stuart Mill and the Harm of Pornography." *Ethics* 102, no. 3 (1992): 534-51.
Spafford, D. (1985). Mill's Majority Principle. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 18(3), 599-608.
- 20 Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*
Leiter, Brian. "Morality in the Pejorative Sense: On the Logic of Nietzsche's Critique of Morality." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 3, no. 1 (1995): 113-45.
- 27 TBA
- May
- 5 Final Paper Due, noon

Paper Schedule:

Jan 12, Feb 2, Feb 23, March 16, April 6 or April 13
Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 16, March 2, March 23 or April 6