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 Contemporary Ideologies
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Course Description

In this course we will consider the various views of the world that underlie and inform contemporary politics. We will concentrate on liberalism, capitalism, socialism, fascism, revolutionary and ethnic nationalism, and feminism. The course itself will be run as a critical discussion focusing on the assigned reading as an entry into the underlying philosophical and ideological questions around which the contemporary political debate turns. The purposes of the course are to foster a deeper understanding of the competing ideological claims that dominate the contemporary political arena so that the student will not merely be able to grasp the nature of this debate but also to make rational decisions about the validity of the competing positions.

Since the course will be run as a discussion, it is imperative that each student read the assigned selections carefully and critically before they are discussed. This means reading the material at least once and preferably twice before coming to class. This is especially important, since the student who has not done so will glean little from the discussion. To help students with the reading, study questions for each reading selection are available on the course home page. Each student will be required to provide written answers for the study questions for one day's reading for the course chat group by 5pm on the day preceding class. Other students will be expected to read these answers before coming to class and may comment on or respond to them. Class participation and participation in the chat group will be included in the determination of the final grade. There will be three required papers each to be no longer than 5 typewritten pages on assigned topics. First drafts will be due on Tuesday Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17. These will be distributed to other class members on Wednesday for copy-editing, etc. Copy-edited papers will be due in my box in 214 Perkins on Friday and can be picked up thereafter. Final drafts will then be due the following Tuesday Sept. 29, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24. There will be no extensions. There will also be a final examination. The papers will count 50%, the exam 35%, and class, section, and chat group participation 15% of the final grade.

Required Purchases - (available at Bookstore in Bryan Center)

Alger, Horatio, Ragged Dick and Mark the Match Boy (if sufficient copies are not available in the bookstore, they may be purchased from amazon.com)

Tucker, Robert, ed., The Marx-Engels Reader

Smith, Adam, The Wealth of Nations

Mill, John Stuart, On Liberty, ed., Rapaport

Hitler, Adolph, Mein Kampf, trans. Ralph Mannheim (will be arriving late)

Locke, John, Two Treatises of Government

Koestler, Arthur Darkness at Noon

Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth (will be arriving late)

There are also a number of reading selections on line that can be accessed through the e reserves or through the course home page.

Class Schedule

- 8/31 Introduction
- 9/2 LIBERALISM
The State of Nature and Natural Right
Reading: John Locke, Second Treatise of Government, pp. 137-39, 267-82
- 9/3,4 Section: Discussion of the Idea of the State of Nature
- 9/7 Property
Reading: Locke, pp. 283-302
- 9/9 Political Society
Reading: Locke, pp. 318-33, 347-63
- 9/10,11 SECTION: Review of Locke
- 9/14 Tyranny and the Right of Revolution
Reading: Locke, pp. 398-419, 426-28
- 9/16 American Liberalism
Revolutionary Origins
Reading: Declaration of Independence (Reserve)
- 9/17,18 SECTION: Obedience to Conscience
Reading: Thoreau, "Civil Disobedience"
- 9/21 Obedience to Law
Reading: Lincoln, "Lyceum Address" (Reserve)
- 9/22 PAPER #1 DRAFT DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5PM
- 9/23 Individualism and Freedom

- Freedom of Thought and Speech
Reading: Mill, On Liberty, chps. 1-2
- 9/24,25 SECTION: Critique of Liberalism
Reading: Tocqueville (Reserve)
- 9/25 COPY-EDITED PAPERS DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 12:00 NOON
- 9/28 The Individual and Society
Reading: Mill, chps, 3-5
- 9/29 FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER #1 DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5 PM
- 9/30 CAPITALISM
Origins of Capitalism
Division of Labor and the Market
Reading: Smith, Wealth of Nations, Intro., Bk I, chps. 1-3
- 10/1,2 SECTION: Radford, "The Economic Organization of a P.O.W. Camp" (Reserve)
- 10/5 Supply and Demand
Reading: Smith, Bk. I. chps. 6-7
- 10/7 Labor and Wages
Reading: Smith, Bk. I, chps. 8 (pp. 72-92), 10 (pp. 111-132)
- 10/8,9 SECTION: : Critique of Capitalism
Reading: Melville, "The Paradise of Bachelors and the Tartarus of Maids"
(Reserve)
- 10/14 Capital Accumulation
Reading: Smith, Bk. II, chp. 3
- 10/15,16 SECTION: Social Democracy
Reading: Roosevelt, Berle, homas, Kristol (Reserve)
- 10/19 Market Failure and the Need for Government
Reading: Smith, Bk. V, chp. 1, parts 1-3 (pp. 213-20, 231-240, 244-50, 296-309)
- 10/20 DRAFT OF PAPER #2 DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5PM
- 10/21 The Dream of Capitalism
Reading: Alger, Ragged Dick, pp. 39-130

- 10/22,23 SECTION: Alger, pp. 131-216
- 10/23 COPY-EDITED PAPERS DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 12:00 NOON
- 10/26 SOCIALISM
Origins of Socialism
Reading: Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 3-6, 681-82, 203-17, 291-93.
- 10/27 FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER #2 DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5PM
- 10/28 Revolutionary Socialism
Reading: MER, pp. 469-91, 499-500
- 10/29,30 SECTION: Review of Marx
- 11/2 Historical Materialism
Reading MER, pp. 149-52, 155-57, 700-17
- 11/4 Critique of Socialism
Reading: Koestler, Darkness at Noon, pp. 1-133
- 11/5,6 SECTION: Anarchism and Terrorism
Reading: Selections in Reserve
- 11/9 Critique of Socialism
Reading: Koestler, pp. 134-216
- 11/11 NATIONALISM
Liberal Nationalism
Readings: Mazzini, Duties to Humanity and to the State (Reserve)
- 11/12,13 SECTION: Fascism
Reading: Mussolini, "The Principles of Fascism" (Reserve)
- 11/16 Nazism: Nation and Race
Reading: Hitler, Mein Kampf, pp. 284-329
- 11/17 FIRST DRAFT OF PAPER #3 DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5PM
- 11/18 Party and State
Reading: Hitler, pp. 373-451

- 11/19,20 SECTION: Critique of Fascism
Reading: Bettelheim, "German Concentration Camps," "Individual and Mass Behavior in extreme Situations" (Reserve)
- 11/20 COPY-EDITED PAPERS DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 12:00 NOON
- 11/23 Third-world nationalism
Colonialism
Reading: Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth, pp.35-70
- 11/24 FINAL DRAFT OF PAPER #3 DUE IN MY BOX IN 214 PERKINS BY 5PM
- 11/25 Violence
Reading: Fanon, pp. 71-106
- 11/30 Ethnic Nationalism
Reading: Anthony Smith, ed. Ethnicity and Nationalism, pp. 1-4, 48-57 (Reserve); and Ignatieff, Blood and Belonging, pp. 19-56 (Reserve).
- 12/2 FEMINISM
Reading: Frye, "Oppression"
- 12/3,4 SECTION: Liberalism Feminism; The Conservative Position
Reading: NOW Statement of Purpose, J.S. Mill, "The Subjection of Women," Wilson, "Sex," Tocqueville, selections, Schlafly, selections (Reserve)
- 12/7 Socialist Feminism; Radical Feminism
Readings: "Engels, The Origin of the Family," Reed, "Women: Class, Caste or Oppressed Sex?" "Redstockings Manifesto," "Politics and the Ego: A Manifesto for N.Y. Radical feminists," Jaggar, "Radical Feminism and Human Nature," (Reserve)
- 12/9 REVIEW