

Carleton University
Department of Political Science

Winter 2008

PSCI 2300A PART II
History of Political Thought

Monday 10:35-11:25, Wednesday 10:35-11:25pm
Please confirm location on Carleton Central

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Purpose of the course:

The second part of this course is a continuation of, and building upon the thought of ancient and classical philosophers and how the distinctly modern foundations of political thought were established. The central themes will be how some of the eminent modern thinkers mixed the realms of thought and action in distinction to ancient and classical thinkers who keep these two spheres of human activity separate. In keeping within the broad theme of ancient versus modern thinkers, the main concern of the winter course will be an investigation and overview of how this philosophic discussion has influenced the foundational political experience of Western thought. As such, emphasis will be placed on the re-conceptions of nature and human nature, the relation of the individual to community, as well as the important contest between rising secular opposed to religious authority. Students will be expected to read primary source material – Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Kant and Nietzsche. Other thinkers will be treated during lectures courses, though are not required readings. The use of secondary sources in written assignments is strictly forbidden!

Sources in order:

MADORE Part II

2. Niccolo Machiavelli – Harvey Mansfield, *The Prince*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1985 (recommended readings from *The Discourse on Livy* see library reserve)
3. Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan: with selected variants from the Latin edition from 1668*, Hackett Publishing Company, 1994
4. John Locke, *Letter on Toleration*, FQ Classics, 2007
5. Jean-Jacques Rousseau – Roger D. Masters and Judith R. Masters, *The First and Second Discourses*, St. Martin's, New York, 1969 (*Second Discourse* only and selections from *The Social Contract* see library reserve)
6. Immanuel Kant - *Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose* in H.S. Reiss ed. Kant: Political Writings 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1991, (recommended readings *An Answer to the Question: 'What is Enlightenment?'*) both on library reserve.

7. Friedrich Nietzsche – Walter Kaufmann, *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo*, Vintage, 1989 (selections First and Second Essays ONLY)

General Schedule of Lectures and Readings:

January 5th – Orientation – introduction to the moderns –

January 7th – Renaissance and Reformation Lecture – assigned readings Machiavelli's the Prince. I-X.

January 12th - 14th – Lectures on Machiavelli – Biography, Church background, city state system, the rise of the nation versus Barbarians, Dedicatory - assigned readings Machiavelli's Prince. X-XXVI .

January 19th – 21st – Lecture on Machiavelli – New Princes, change and nature, ruling nature, appearance, Love and Hate, History and Myth. New power unit. Selections of Machiavelli's Discourse on Livy, on reserve. And Thomas Hobbes Leviathan Letter Dedicatory and Introduction, also reflections on cover WebCT

January 26th – Lecture on Hobbes – Biography, Introduction and reflection on Image – The Great Machine metaphor. Context, Charles I and Nobles, the English Civil war, Guy Fawkes and the Spanish Armada – what is Leviathan from book of Job. Assigned reading – Part I sections i-vii (Of Sense till Of the Ends, or Resolutions of Discourse).

January 28th – Lecture on Hobbes – Hobbes materialism, Epicurean, atoms, appetites, pleasure and pain. Trains of Thought, Speech, Imaginings, the political unit – individual, just like atoms. Assigned readings – viii – xx (Of the Virtues Common Called Intellectual till part II, Of Dominion Paternal and Despotical)

February 2nd - 4th – Lecture on Hobbes – Vain-Glory, social contract theory, mans nature, state of nature. Commonwealth. Faction and sovereign. Feb 2 – xxi-xxvi, Feb 4th – xxvii-xxxiii, xlii, xliii, xliv, xlvi

February 9th – Ending Hobbes – Hobbes and Religion –the rise of secular authority

February 11th – Catch Up Lecture

February 16th – 20th – Reading Week Break

February 23rd – 25th – Locke, Conscience, associationalism, religious freedom, magistrate and things indifferent – comparison to Hobbes. Assigned reading Rousseau 2nd Discourse First part and Selections from Social Contract

March 2nd – 4th – Rousseau and 2nd Discourse **Short Essay 2 page due**. Assigned reading Rousseau 2nd Discourse and selections from Social Contract.

March 9th – 11th – Rousseau and 2nd Discourses and selections from Social Contract. Assigned reading Kant.

March 16th – 18th – Kant and Hegel & French Revolution – Secular Authority – Meaning and History - Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose. Assigned reading 1st Essay of Genealogy of Morals

March 23rd – 25th – Nietzsche On the Genealogy of Morals. Assigned reading 2nd Essay of Genealogy of Morals

March 30th – Nietzsche On the Genealogy of Morals

April 1st – Closing remarks on Tocqueville – **Final Paper Due**

Final Exam – Phrase Identification, Short definition, 1 Essay question

You should use **ONLY** the exact texts and translations ordered for the course as I will be making continuous reference to page numbers and passages from these editions. You will also be expected to cite from these editions in your essays.

Full-Year Course Requirements:

15%	Tutorial Participation
15%	Part I – Mid-Term (December Examination)
15%	Part I – 1 st Paper (due first week of Jan. 09)
5%	Part II – Paper proposal for 2 nd Paper (app. 2 pp. due March 2 nd , 2009)
30%	Part II – 2 nd Term Essay – (app. 10 pp. due April 1 st , 2009)
20%	Final Exam (See Exam Calendar)

NOTE: Attendance is required at all lectures and tutorials. Valid excuses accepted, otherwise, absenteeism will not be tolerated.

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre (613-520-6608) every term to ensure that the instructor receives your letter of accommodation.

After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations**. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by **November 7, 2008 for December examinations**, and **March 6, 2009 for April examinations**.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of “F” for the course. The Department’s Style Guide is available at: <http://www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/Essay%20Style%20Guide.html>

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Course Requirements: Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

Connect Email Accounts: The Department of Political Science only communicates with students via Connect accounts. Important course and University information is also distributed via the Connect email system. It is the student's responsibility to monitor their Connect account.

Carleton Political Science Society: The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit our website at poliscisociety.com, or come to our office in Loeb D688.

Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.