

PSCI 4306  
POLITICAL THEORIES OF DEMOCRACY AND EMPIRE PART ONE  
Mondays 11:35 am - 2:25 pm.  
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**Theme of the Course: Democracy and Empire.**

One of the oldest themes in political theory, and still one of the most relevant in today's world, is the relationship between democracy and empire. Are democracies especially likely to embark on imperial expansion? Does the pursuit of empire corrupt the civic virtues needed for good government at home? Is the use of force against other countries and peoples ever morally justified? Is the power needed to project imperial power abroad likely to increase the danger of tyranny at home? How do ancient and modern conceptions of empire differ? We will consider all of these questions as they emerge in some important works of political theory.

**Required Texts: On order at the Carleton University Bookstore and on reserve at the Library:**

1. Thucydides, THE PELOPONNESIAN WAR. Hackett.
2. Sophocles, OEDIPUS TYRANNUS. Hackett.
3. Plato, THE GORGIAS. Hackett.
4. Plato, THE SYMPOSIUM. Hackett.
5. Plato, THE REPUBLIC. Hackett.

### **Requirements and Evaluation:**

- 1) A term paper of 15 pages double-spaced typed to be submitted at my office on Wednesday December 3 at 12 noon. Topics will be provided. Worth 50% of grade.
- 2) Weekly oral presentations on the readings on an equally rotating basis. Worth 50% of grade.

### **Attendance and Lateness Policy:**

- 1) Attendance is obligatory, not optional. Every student is expected to attend every class unless the student has a recognized documented medical or personal excuse for being absent.
- 2) Late papers will be penalized by half a grade a day after the final due date for submission.

### **Schedule of Readings:**

SEPT. 8. Introduction.

SEPT. 15. Sophocles, Oedipus Tyrannus or Oedipus Rex.

SEPT. 22. Same reading continued.

SEPT. 29. Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War. Readings are by book and chapter no.

- i. 1-23. Thucydides' approach to history.
- ii. 68-88. The Origins of the War. The debate at Sparta; Corinthians' speech; Athenians' speech; speech of Archidemus; speech of Sthenelaidas.
- iii. 140-146. Pericles' advice on the conduct of the war.
- iv. 1-8. The war begins.
- v. 35-46. Pericles' Funeral Oration.

OCT. 6. Thucydides continued:

- i. ii. 47-54. The plague strikes Athens.
- ii. 59-65. Pericles' last speech and Thucydides' assessment of his policy.
- iii. 37-51. Athenian politics in the aftermath of Pericles' leadership: The Mytilenean Debate; speech of Cleon; speech of Diodotus.
- iv. 81-85. The civil war in Corcyra.

- v. 84-116. The Melian Dialogue.
- vi. 8-26; vii. 42-46. The Sicilian Expedition.
- vii. vii.75 - viii.1. The Athenian retreat.

OCT. 13. NO CLASS. THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

OCT. 20. Plato, Gorgias. First half. Dialogue with Gorgias and Polus.

OCT. 27. Plato, Gorgias, Second half. Dialogue with Callicles.

NOV. 3. Plato, Symposium. First half. Introduction, speeches of Pausanis, Phaedrus, Eryximachus, Aristophanes, Socrates.

NOV. 10. Plato, Symposium. Second half. Speech of Alcibiades and ending.

NOV. 17. Plato, Republic. Books 1, 2, 3.

NOV. 24. Plato, Republic. Books 4, 5, 6.

DEC. 1. Plato, Republic. Books 7, 8, 9.

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### 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](http://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 Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one's own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another." The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. 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 strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See <http://connect.carleton.ca> for instructions on how to set up your account.