

**The College of the Humanities
Humanities Program**

HUMS4000: Politics, Modernity and the Common Good

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Lectures: Tuesday 10:05-11:25 and Thursday 10:05-11:25 (Paterson 303)

Tutorials: G-1 Monday 2:25-3:55 and G-2 Wednesday 10:05-11:25 (Paterson 302)

Description: The following is the detailed breakdown of the weeks and the assigned readings. I have included some recommended readings so that you will read some other sources if you wish or want to use them in preparing for writing your paper for the course.

Course Requirements (Reminder): The final grade of this course is based on the following:

- (a) Class participation (attendance of lecture and tutorials, occasional quiz, discussion, and presentation) (30%)
- (b) Paper (40%)
- (c) Take-home exam (30%)

Fall Term Texts:

Jean-Jacques Rousseau. *Basic Political Writings* Hackett.

Immanuel Kant. *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*. Broadview.

Friedrich Schiller. *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man*.

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*

Friedrich Nietzsche. *Beyond Good and Evil*. Vintage

----- . *On the Advantages and Disadvantages of History for Life*.
Hackett.

Karl Marx. *Selected Writings*. Hackett.

And also a course pack

Schedule and Readings for the Fall Semester:

Introductory Remarks; Philosophy of Freedom, September 4th

Week One:

Introduction: Enlightenment Freedom: Classical Sources, Hobbes and Rousseau, Lecture 1 (Sept 9th):

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 1

Aristotle, *Politics*, Book 1

Epictetus, *Handbook and Discourses*, Lecture 2 (Sept. 11th):

Hobbes: Leviathan, Ch. 6, 13-17, 21, Review and Conclusion
Rousseau, Discourse on Inequality; Social Contract Book 1 and 2

Recommended Reading:

D. Moggach, "German Idealism and Modernity, or Thinking Freedom," English version of "Idéalisme allemande et modernité, ou la liberté réfléchie," in D. Giroux et D. Karmis, dir., *Ceci n'est pas une idée politique. Réflexions sur les approches à l'étude des idées politiques*, Québec, 2013, pp. 239-259.

P. Redding, *Continental Idealism. Leibniz to Nietzsche*, London, 2009, ch. 1 and 2.

Week Two:

Lecture 3 (Sept 16th):

Leibniz: Spontaneity, Perfection, Natural Right,

Leibniz, *Monadology*

Lecture 4 (Sept 18th):

Leibniz, *Nova Methodus Discendae Docendaeque Jurisprudentiae* (English translation) in C. Johns, *The Science of Right in Leibniz's Moral and Political Philosophy*, Appendix, pp. 149-164.

Leibniz, *Political Writings*, ed. P. Riley, Cambridge, 1988 (2nd ed.), pp. 45-84.

Recommended Reading:

J.B. Schneewind, *The Invention of Autonomy*. Cambridge, 1998, ch. 12, ch. 20 (pp. 431-442).

K. Haakonssen, "German Natural Law," in Mark Goldie and Robert Wokler, *The Cambridge History of Eighteenth-Century Political Thought*. Cambridge, 2006, 251-90

Weeks Three and Four: Kant

Lectures 5 and 6 (Sept 23 and 25):

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, para. 8

Lectures 7 and 8 (Sept 30 and October 1):

Kant, "Theory and Practice", in Kant's Political Writings, ed. H. Reiss, Cambridge

Kant, "Perpetual Peace" 1999

Kant, *Metaphysics of Morals, Introduction and Doctrine of Right*, trans. Mary Gregor, Cambridge.

Recommended Reading:

H. Allison, *Kant's Theory of Freedom*, Cambridge, 1990, pp. 85-128

J.B. Schneewind, "Kant and Stoic Ethics," in S. Engstrom and J. Whiting, eds., *Aristotle, Kant, and the Stoics*, Cambridge, 1996, pp. 285-301.

D. Garber and B. Longuenesse, eds, *Kant and the Early Moderns*, Princeton, 2008, pp. 41-78.

J. Bohman and M. Lutz-Bachmann, *Perpetual Peace. Essays on Kant's Cosmopolitan Ideal*, Cambridge, MA, 1997, pp. 25-110.

D. Moggach, "The Construction of Juridical Space: Kant's Analogy of Relation in *The Metaphysics of Morals*," in *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, Vol.7, Modern Philosophy, ed. Mark Gedney, Bowling Green, OH, 2000, pp. 201-209.
A. Ripstein, *Force and Freedom. Kant's Legal and Political Philosophy*, Cambridge MA, 2009, ch. 1.

Week Five: Schiller: Modern Diversity and Aesthetic Republicanism

Lectures 9 and 10 (October 7 and 9):

Schiller, *On the Aesthetic Education of Man*, letters IV, VI, XIV, XVI, XXIII-XXV

Recommended Reading:

Douglas Moggach, "Schiller's Aesthetic Republicanism," *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 28, no. 3, 2007, pp. 520-541.

Fania Oz-Salzberger, "Scots, Germans, Republic and Commerce," in van Gelderen and Skinner, eds., *Republicanism*, Vol. 2, 2002, 197-226

Elizabeth Wilkinson and L.A. Willoughby, "Introduction," in Friedrich Schiller, *On the Aesthetic Education of Man in a Series of Letters*, Oxford, 1967

Week Six: Fichte

Lectures 11 and 12 (October 14 and 16):

Fichte, *Wissenschaftslehre* (extracts)

Fichte, "Some Lectures concerning the Scholar's Vocation," *Early Philosophical Writings*, pp. 144-184.

Fichte, *Foundations of Natural Right*, Cambridge, para. 1-4

Recommended Reading:

D. Moggach, "Freedom and Perfection: German Debates on the State in the Eighteenth Century," *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 42, no. 4, 2009, pp. 1003-1023

D. James, *Fichte's Social and Political Philosophy*, Cambridge 2011.

I. Nakhimovsky, *The Closed Commercial State*, Princeton, 2011.

Week Seven, Eight, and Nine: Hegel

Lecture 13 (October 21):

Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit*, trans. Miller, pp. 104-138; 266-365

Lecture 14 (October 23):

Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*, Preface, and §1-81

Week Eight, Fall Break

Lecture 15 (November 4):

Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*, § 181-208,

Lecture 16 (November 6):

Hegel, *Philosophy of Right* § 241-271

Recommended Reading:

H. Marcuse, *Reason and Revolution*, Part One

R. Pippin, *Hegel's Idealism*, chapters 1 and 2

C. Taylor, *Hegel*

J. Lampert, "Locke, Hegel, Fichte, and the Right to Property," in M. Baur and J. Russon, *Hegel and the Tradition*, Toronto, 1997, 40-73.

J. Ritter, "Person and Property," in R.B. Pippin and O. Höffe, eds, *Hegel on Ethics and Politics*, Cambridge, 2004, pp. 101-123.

K-H. Ilting, "The Dialectic of Civil Society," in Z.A. Pelczynski, ed., *The State and Civil Society*, Cambridge, 1984, pp. 211- 26

R.B. Pippin and O. Höffe, eds, *Hegel on Ethics and Politics*, Cambridge, 2004, pp. 208-290 (texts by Horstmann, Henrich, Siep)

Week Ten. The Hegelian School

Lecture 17 (November 11):

Bruno Bauer (anon.), *The Trumpet of the Last Judgement on Hegel*

Lecture 18 (November 13):

Ludwig Feuerbach, *Essence of Christianity; Principles of the Philosophy of the Future*

Recommended Reading:

W. Breckman, *Marx, the Young Hegelians, and the Origins of Radical Social Theory*, Cambridge, 1999, ch. 6

D. Brudney, *Marx's Attempt to Leave Philosophy*, Harvard, 1998, ch. 3

D. Leopold, *The Young Karl Marx*, Cambridge, 2007, ch. 4.

D. Moggach, *The Philosophy and Politics of Bruno Bauer*, Cambridge, 2003, ch. 4 and 5.

D. Moggach, "Post-Kantian Perfectionism," in Moggach, ed., *Politics, Religion, and Art: Hegelian Debates*, Northwestern, 2011, pp. 179-200

Week Eleven and Twelve. Marx

Lecture 19 (November 18):

Karl Marx, "Alienated Labour", 1844 *Manuscripts*, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 54-100

Lecture 20 (November 20):

Marx and Engels, *German Ideology*, Part One, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 102-156

Lecture 21 (November 25):

Marx and Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, in *Selected Writings*, pp. 157-186

Lecture 22 (November 27):

Marx, *Capital*, Vol. 1, extracts in *Selected Writings*, pp. 214-300.

Recommended Reading:

D. Moggach, "German Idealism and Marx," *The Impact of Idealism – the Legacy of Post-Kantian German Thought*, vol.2, ed. N. Boyle, J. Walker, Cambridge, 2013, pp. 82-107.

A.W. Wood, *The Free Development of Each. Studies in Freedom, Right, and Ethics in Classical German Philosophy*, Oxford, 2014, pp. 252-273.

Week Thirteen. Romanticism and Nietzsche

Lecture 23 (December 2):

J. M Bernstein, ed., *Classical and Romantic German Aesthetics*, ed., Cambridge 2003, pp. 203-226; 239-307

Lecture 24 (December 4):

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*. Vintage

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Advantages and Disadvantages of History for Life*.

Recommended Reading:

F. Beiser, *The Romantic Imperative*, Harvard, 2006

D. Moggach, "Aesthetics and Politics," in Gareth Stedman Jones and Gregory Claeys, eds., *Cambridge History of Nineteenth-Century Political Thought*, Cambridge, 2011, pp. 479-520

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- Beiser, F. *Schiller as Philosopher: A Re-Examination*, Oxford, 2005
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- Cristi, R., *Hegel on Freedom and Authority*, U. Wales, 2005
- Deligiorgi, K., ed., *Hegel, New Directions*, Chesham, UK, 2006
- D'Hondt J., *Hegel In His Time*, Broadview, 1988
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