

**PSCI 2300 A  
History of Political Thought  
Lecture: Monday and Wednesday 9:35 am – 12:25 pm  
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This half of the course focuses on the emergence of the modern age in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We will examine the paramount modern writers who undertook a wholesale critique of the ancient and Greek foundation, and who unleashed volatile passions to be employed in the making of the modern world. We will study these thinkers in their own right, but also engage them in argument, with the ancients, to understand the complex aspects and tensions of the present modern west.

**Required Books:**

Augustine, *On Christian Doctrine* Library of Liberal Arts Pearson Education 1958

Machiavelli, *The Prince* U of Chicago Press 1998

Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Harvey Mansfield edition, University of Chicago Mansbridge ed Hackett Publishing 1994

Rousseau, *The First and Second Discourses*, trans. Judith Masters. Ed. Macmillan Publishing 1964

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* Penguin Books 1968

Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals*. Trans. Ed. Kaufman

Books are available in the Bookstore. Please purchase the editions which have been ordered, as translations differ considerably and it would be preferable that we all use the same text

**Course Requirements:**

Essay of 12-15 pages 50 % of grade, due last day of class

Final Exam (Scheduled by the Registrar) 50%

**Lecture Schedule:**

1. Transition to Modernity – Christianity I
2. Machiaveli The Prince
3. Machiavelli, The Prince
4. Hobbes Leviathon Part I
5. Hobbes Leviathan Part II
6. Hobbes, Leviathan
7. Overview of Locke
8. Rousseau, The Discourse on the Origins of Inequality among men
9. Rousseau The Social Contract
10. Rouseau, Emile – no assigned readings
11. The Geneology of Morals
12. Nietzsche, The Birth of Tragedy