**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**SOCI 2005A**

**FALL 2023/WINTER 2024**

**HISTORIES OF SOCIOLOGICAL THOUGHT**

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**Method of Delivery:** In-person

**Course Description:** Although people have contemplated the nature of human society and culture throughout history, modern conceptions of social organization can be traced back to the 18th century. It was at this time that intellectuals began to theorize the newly emerging industrial mass society as it rapidly changed under the influence of political revolution and the rise of the modern state, industrialization, urbanization, rapid technological development, and the rise of global empires. Questions about society and culture and the theoretical concepts developed to address these questions in the 18th and 19th centuries are the foundation for the questions and concepts employed by sociologists in the 21st century. It is essential for an understanding of the discipline to be knowledgeable about the roots of these theoretical questions and concepts and how they have evolved into today’s theories about society.

**Reading (s)/Textbook (s):** All readings are available on our Brightspace site.

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

**Fall Term**

Tutorial Attendance 5%

Tutorial Presentation 5%

Short Essay on Contemporary Discussion Piece 15%

Mid-Term Exam, Opens November 1 10%

End of Term Take Home Exam, Due December 23 15%

**Winter Term**

Tutorial Attendance 5%

Tutorial Presentation 5%

Short Essay on Contemporary Discussion Piece 15%

Mid-Term Exam, Opens February 28 10%

End of Term Take Home Exam, Due April 25 15%