

Political Science 572 (fall semester 2012)  
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Mondays, 1:30-3:50, 1020 Lincoln

**Political Economy: Its Theorists and Critics**  
**Preliminary Syllabus and Seminar Schedule (July 8, 2012)**

**Course Description:**

This advanced introduction to modern political theory will focus upon theorists and critics of political economy of the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, including Hobbes and Locke; Rousseau and Adam Smith; Hegel and Marx and his heirs.

In addition to these “primary” texts (listed below), we will consult broad contextualizations, incisive commentaries, and paradigmatic theoretical elaborations of our main thinkers, their theoretical themes and the politics of economy of their time and our own (see “Context and Commentary” below).

**Requirements**

Besides doing the reading scheduled for each seminar and attending meetings regularly, participants will be expected to prepare a 1-2 page discussion brief (succinctly posing a vital issue for us to consider during our meeting) for most class sessions. Each participant also will write a longer final paper on an agreed topic related to the course material.

**All Required Texts**

**“Primary”**

T. Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Hackett)(0-87220-177-5) Hackett  
J. Locke, *Two Treatises on Government* (0-521-35730-6) Laslett, Cambridge  
J.J. Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (1-60384-673-5) 2nd edition Hackett  
A. Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (9780143105923) Penguin Classics  
A. Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (978-0-553-58597-1) Modern Library Classics  
G.W.F. Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit* (0-19-824597-1) Miller, Oxford  
K. Marx, *The Marx Engels Reader* (0-393-09040-X) Tucker, Norton

**“Context and Commentary”**

David Harvey, *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism*  
(978-0199836840 Oxford)  
C.B. MacPherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism* (978-0195444018)  
Oxford  
G. Arrighi, *Adam Smith in Beijing* (978-1844672981) Verso  
Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation* (978-0807056431) Beacon  
F.A. Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty* (978-0226320847) Chicago  
Fredric Jameson, *The Hegel Variations* (978-1-84467-616-3) Verso  
Susan Buck-Morss, *Hegel, Haiti and Universal History* (978-0-8229-5978-6) Pittsburgh  
Charles Taylor, *Hegel and Modern Society* 0-521-29351-0 Cambridge  
L. Althusser, *For Marx* (978-1844670529) Verso  
G. Lukacs, *History and Class Consciousness* (978-0262620208) MIT

A. Gramsci, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks* (978-0717803972) International

\* Indicates a reading available through Electronic reserves at the Library.

## **Preliminary Reading and Seminar Meeting Schedule**

### Introductions and Disorientation

8/27 \*Hannah Arendt, "Rosa Luxemburg, 1871-1919"; "Walter Benjamin, 1892-1940" from *Men In Dark Times* (New York, 1968)  
David Harvey, *The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism* (New York, 2010)

9/3 Labor Day

### Seventeenth Century

9/10 Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Parts One and Two  
C.B. MacPherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke* (Oxford), p. 1-106  
\*Frost, *Reflections from a Materialist Thinker* (Stanford) (selections)

9/17 Locke, *Second Treatise* (entire) and P. Laslett, "Introduction," *Two Treatises on Government* (Cambridge)  
C.B. MacPherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke* (Oxford), p. 194-277

9/24 \**Puritanism and Liberty: Being the Army Debates (1647-1649) from the Clarke Manuscripts* (selections), A. S. P. Woodhouse (ed.) (Everyman)  
C.B. MacPherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke* (Oxford), p. 107-193 (sections on Levellers and Harrington)

### Eighteenth Century

10/1 Rousseau, *Discourse On Origin of Inequality, Discourse on Political Economy*  
\*Cassirer, *The Question of Jean-Jacques Rousseau*

10/8 Rousseau, *On The Social Contract*  
\*Shklar, *Man and Citizen*

10/15 Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (selections)  
\*Kalyvas & Katznelson, "The Rhetoric of the Market" in *Liberal Beginnings: Making a Republic for the Moderns* (Cambridge)

10/22 Smith, *Wealth of Nations* (selections)

Arrighi, *Adam Smith in Beijing*

Transitioning to the Nineteenth Century via Twentieth Century Perspectives

10/29 Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*  
Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty*

Nineteenth Century

- 11/5 Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit* (selections from IV, V)  
\*Kojève, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel* (Cornell) p. 3-99, 261-287  
(use Kojève's appendix, p. 261-287; in conjunction with Findlay's Analysis of the text in Miller's translation p. 495-591 to familiarize yourself with the architecture of the work)  
Taylor, *Hegel and Modern Society*
- 11/12 Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit* (selections from VI)  
\*Kojève, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel* (Cornell),  
p.169-259  
Jameson, *The Hegel Variations*  
Buck-Morss, *Hegel, Haiti and Universal History*
- 11/19 Fall Break
- 11/26 Marx, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (selections from "The Early Marx")  
Althusser, *For Marx* (Verso) (selections)
- 12/3 Marx, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (selections from "The Critique of Capitalism")  
Lukacs, *History and Class Consciousness* (selections)  
\*Althusser & Balibar, *Reading Capital* (selections)
- 12/10 Marx, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (selections from "Revolutionary Program and Strategy" and "Society and Politics in the Nineteenth Century")  
Gramsci, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks* (International) (selections)  
\*Sassoon, *Gramsci's Politics* (selections)