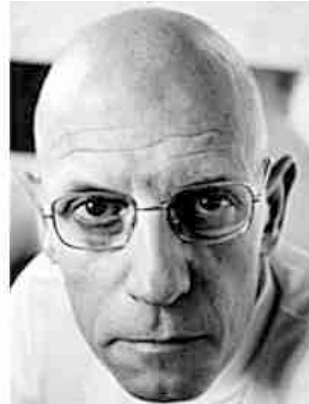
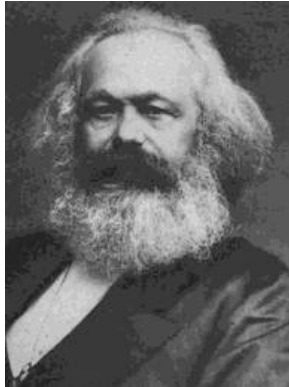


# Introduction to Political Theory

## Fall Semester, 2011

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*This course offers an undergraduate level introduction to the field of political theory. We will focus on three major themes—power and freedom, social justice, and democracy—reading some canonical texts, such as Bentham’s Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation and Marx’s Capital, but emphasizing contemporary works, such as those of Michel Foucault, John Rawls, and Robert Dahl.*

## Course Requirements

1. You must complete the readings carefully and in a timely fashion. To encourage you to prepare well for class, in TA-led sections, we may have short, unannounced quizzes based on the course readings for the week. Quiz scores may factor into your participation grade, which counts for 25 percent of your grade.
2. You will write three in-class essay examinations, each focused on one of the main themes we cover. Together, these exams count for 75 percent of your grade (25 percent each).
3. If you earn a grade of B+ or higher on the first in-class exam, you will have the option of writing a short (about 5 pp.) paper on a topic of your choice, from a list provided by the professor, instead of taking the second exam. Papers are due at the start of the exam period and count for 25 percent of your grade. If your course average after the second major assignment is a B+ or higher, you will have the option of writing a short paper on a topic of your choice, from a list provided by the professor, instead of taking the third exam. Again, papers are due at the start of the exam period and count for 25 percent of your grade.

## Course Materials

All readings are available for download and printing from ARES. Password: Political Theory (first letters capitalized, no punctuation).

You should print out the files, mark them up, and bring them to class with you. We will frequently refer to the readings during class meetings.

An electronic copy of this syllabus and important notes from past classes are also available from ARES. NOTE: We will not post Keynote slides, nor will we post notes in advance of class meetings.

## Course Syllabus and Schedule of Class Meetings

Wednesday, August 31: Distribution of syllabi / homework readings)

Monday, September 5: Labor Day (no class meeting)



### **Power and Freedom**

Wednesday, September 7: Bertrand Russell, “The Forms of Power”

Monday, September 12: Steven Lukes, *Power: A Radical View*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ch. 1

Wednesday, September 14: Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, Part III, ch. 3

Monday, September 19: Clarissa Hayward, *De-Facing Power*, chs. 1-2

Wednesday, September 21: J.S. Mill, *On Liberty*, chs. 1 and 2

Monday, September 26: Isaiah Berlin, “Two Concepts of Liberty”

Wednesday, September 28: Charles Taylor, “What’s Wrong with Negative Liberty?”

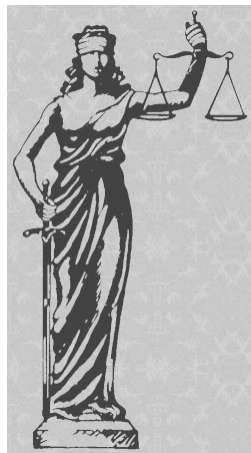
Monday, October 3: Philip Pettit, “Freedom as Anti-Power”

Wednesday, October 5: Clarissa Hayward, *De-Facing Power*, ch. 6

Monday, October 10: In-class essay exam

## Justice

- Wednesday, October 12: Jeremy Bentham, *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, Contents and chs I-II
- Monday, October 17: Karl Marx, *Capital, Vol. 1*, pp. 302-43
- Wednesday, October 19: Karl Marx, *Capital, Vol. 1*, pp. 361-384, 417-19 and  
Marx and Engels, “Manifesto of the Communist Party”
- Monday, October 24: John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, pp. 3-22 (sections 1-4), 54-65 (sections 10-11) and 75-83 (section 13)
- Wednesday, October 26: John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, pp. 83-108 (sections 14-17), 118-122 (section 20), and 136-161 (sections 24-26)
- Monday, October 31: Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, pp. 3-35, 54-59, 65-87
- Wednesday, November 2: Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, pp. 88-119 and 149-164 and 167-174
- Monday, November 7: Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*, chapters 1 and 2
- Wednesday, November 9: In-class essay exam *or* Papers due at the start of the exam period



## Democracy

- Monday, November 14: Robert Dahl, *Democracy and Its Critics*, chs. 6 and 7 [G]
- Wednesday, November 16: Robert Dahl, *Democracy and Its Critics*, chs. 8 and 9 [G]
- Monday, November 21: Jon Elster, “The Market and the Forum” [G]
- Wednesday, November 23: Thanksgiving break (no class meeting)
- Monday, November 28: Bruce Ackerman and James Fishkin, “Deliberation Day” and  
Lynn Sanders, “Against Deliberation”
- Wednesday, November 30: Chantal Mouffe, *The Democratic Paradox*, chs. 1 and 4
- Monday, December 5: Iris Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference*, chs. 1 and 2
- Wednesday, December 7: In-class essay exam *or* Papers due at the start of the exam period

