The course will survey modern social theory. Facing a radically different world from that analyzed by classical social theorists, the theorists you will read sought to make sense of their confusing and confounding world. In particular, though it would be misleading to pigeonhole the books into blunt categories, we will deal with racism, colonialism, discipline, misogyny, and globalization, all of which in turn continue to shape the world in which we live.

As much as the manifest focus of the course is on learning and thinking about modern social theory, my hope is that you will enhance your intellectual skills: reading, writing, thinking, listening, and talking.

Requirements

Class participation (20%)
Two Short Papers (40%)
Two Examinations (40%)

Readings


Schedule

29 August: Introduction

3 September: Arendt, i
Arendt, chaps.1-3

5 September: Arendt, ii
Arendt, chaps.4-6

10 September: Arendt, iii
Arendt, chaps.7-9

17 September: Arendt, iv
Arendt, chaps.13-15
19 September: Arendt, v
Arendt, epilogue, postscript
24 September: Fanon, i
Fanon, chap.1
26 September: Fanon, ii
Fanon, chap.2
1 October: Fanon, iii
Fanon, chaps.3-4
3 October: Fanon, iv
Fanon, conclusion

**4 October: Paper #1 Due**

8 October: Foucault, i
Foucault, part 1
10 October: Foucault, ii
Foucault, part 2
15 October: Foucault, iii
Foucault, part 3
17 October: Foucault, iv
Foucault, part 4
22 October: Review

24 October: **EXAMINATION #1**

29 October: Manne, i
Manne, chaps.1-2
31 October: Manne, ii
Manne, chaps.3-5

5 November: Manne, iii
Manne, chaps.6-7

7 November: Manne, iv
Manne, chap.8, conclusion

12 November: Polanyi, i
Polanyi, chaps.3-7

14 November: Polanyi, ii
Polanyi, chaps.8-13

19 November: Polanyi, iii
Polanyi, chaps.14-18

21 November: Polanyi, iv
Polanyi, chaps.19-21

22 November: Paper #2 Due

26-28 November: Thanksgiving HOLIDAY

3 December: Conclusion

5 December: EXAMINATION #2