

Sociology 145: "Isms" -- The Political and Social Imagination of the Modern World.
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This course introduces several important "isms", that is to say arguments about the nature of society, the state, and social transformation. Some of the "isms" we will study are: Anarchism, Conservatism, Fascism, Liberalism, Marxism and its varieties, Neo-liberalism, Feminism, and post-colonial Nationalism. The course seeks to develop political literacy defined as an understanding of the fundamental assumptions and arguments from which competing political perspectives derive.

Our class time will be divided into two parts. A discussion component in which the instructor will randomly call on students to answer questions concerning the reading from that week, and a lecture component in which the instructor will provide an overview of the material. Somewhat unusually, the discussion component will precede the lecture component for each class. Assessment is based on a series of in class exams and participation in the discussion component.

Assessment:

Class participation: 10%
Exams: 3*20%=60%
Final: 30%

Course Materials:

January 16th

The French Revolution

Sieyès, Emmanuel Joseph. "What is the Third Estate?". Pp. 154–179 in *The Old Regime and the French Revolution*, edited by Keith Michael Baker.

"Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen." Pp. 237–239 in *The Old Regime and the French Revolution*, edited by Keith Michael Baker.

January 18th

Conservatism

Burke, Edmund. 1993. *Reflections on the Revolution in France*. Pp. 1–90, 160–164, 174–181.

January 23rd

Liberalism (I)

Mill, John Stuart. 2013. *On Liberty*. Pp. 5–115.

January 30th

Utopian Socialism

Stedman-Jones, Gareth. 2008. "Introduction". Pp. vii–xxvi.

Fourier, Charles. 2008. *The Theory of the Four Movements*. Pp. 5–28, 33–39, 107–150, 222–281.

February 1st

Marx

Marx, Karl. 2010. *Later Political Writings*. Pp. 1–30; 208–226.

February 6th

In Class Exam

February 8th

Engels

Engels, Friedrich. *Anti-Dühring: Herr Eugen Dühring's Revolution in Science*, pp 279–354.

Engels, Friedrich. *The Origins of Private Property, the Family and the State*. Pp. 195–217.

February 13th

Anarchism

Schatz, Marshall. 2005. "Introduction." Pp. ix–xxxvii in SA.

Bakunin, Michael. 2005. *Statism and Anarchy* (Hereafter SA). Pp. 3–60.

February 20th

Anarchism

SA, Pp. 129–217.

February 22nd

Orthodox Marxism

Kautsky, Karl. 1910. *The Class Struggle* (Hereafter CS). Pp. 58–126.

February 27th

Orthodox Marxism

CS, Pp. 170–217.

March 1st

Revisionism

Bernstein, Eduard. 2010. *PS*. Pp. 47–97.

Tudor, Henry. 2010. "Introduction." Pp. xv–xxxvi in *The Preconditions of Socialism* (hereafter PS).

March 6th

Revisionism

Bernstein, Eduard. 2010. *PS*. Pp. 136–188.

March 8th
In Class Exam

March 13th
Syndicalism

*Jennings, Jeremy. 1999. "Introduction". Pp. vii–xxi.

Sorel, Georges. 1999. *Reflections on Violence*. (Hereafter RV) Pp. 3–36.

March 15th
Syndicalism

RV, Pp. 47–173.

March 20th
Bolshevism

Lenin, Vladimir Il'ich. 1975. *The Lenin Anthology* (Hereafter LA). Pp. 12–114, 295–300.

March 22nd
Bolshevism

LA. Pp. 311–98.

April 3rd
In Class Exam

April 5th
Conservative Revolution

Schmitt, Karl. 1988. *The Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy*. Pp. 1–76.

April 9th
Fascism and Nazism

Hitler, Adolf. 1987. "Mein Kampf." Pp. 191–218 in *Readings in Western Civilization: 9 Twentieth Century Europe*. Edited by John W. Boyer and Jan Goldstein. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Mussolini, Benito. 1987. "The Doctrine of Fascism." Pp. 219–233 in *Readings in Western Civilization: 9 Twentieth Century Europe*. Edited by John W. Boyer and Jan Goldstein. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

April 12th
Liberalism (2) and Neo-Liberalism

Hayek, F. A. 1991. *The Fatal Conceit: The Errors of Socialism*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Pp. 6–88.

Mill, J.S. *On Liberty*. Pp. 221–279.

April 17th

Hayek, F.A. 1978. *The Constitution of Liberty*. Pp. 1–38

April 19th

Feminism

De Beauvoir, Simone. 1989. *The Second Sex*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. TBA

April 24th

Mackinnon, Catharine A. 1989. *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State*. (Hereafter *TFTS*)
Pp. 1–36

April 26th

TFTS, Pp. 37–80 and 157–170.

May 1st

Anti-Colonial Nationalism

Fanon, Franz. TBA

May 3rd

Fanon, Franz. TBA