

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:

The course materials will be available in a two-volume reader from CopyCentral at 2411 Telegraph Avenue. The reader will be about \$75. Their phone number is (510) 848-8649

January 22nd

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 24th

Conservatism

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

January 29th

Liberalism (I)

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

January 31st

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 5th

Marx

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

February 7th

In Class Exam

February 12th

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 14th

Anarchism

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

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

February 19th

Anarchism

SA, Pp. 129–217.

February 21st

Orthodox Marxism

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

February 26th

Orthodox Marxism

CS, Pp. 170–217.

March 5th

Revisionism

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

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

March 7th

Revisionism

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

March 12th

In Class Exam

March 14th

Syndicalism

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

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

March 19th

Syndicalism

RV, Pp. 47–173.

March 21st

Bolshevism

Lenin, Vladimir Il'ich. 1975. *The Lenin Anthology* (Hereafter *LA*). Pp. 12–114, 295–398.

April 2nd

Study Break

April 4th

In Class Exam

April 9th

Conservative Revolution

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

April 11th

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 16th

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 18th

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

April 23rd

Feminism

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

April 25th

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

April 30th

TFTS, Pp. 37–80 and 157–170.

May 2nd

Anti-Colonial Nationalism

Fanon, Franz. 1963. *The Wretched of the Earth*. Pp. 35–106.

May 7th

Review Session

May 17th

7pm-10pm Final