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POT 6056: Modern Political Thought

Description:

This seminar focuses on key questions about the foundations of the modern political world. It provides students with an intensive introduction to a range of thinkers and ideas central to Western political theory from the Renaissance to the nineteenth century, including: republicanism, absolutism, liberalism, democracy, conservatism, feminism, socialism, and Marxism. Simultaneously, the seminar seeks to familiarize its participants with some leading scholarly approaches to the history of political thought, and the ways in which these approaches have manifested themselves in the secondary literature pursuant to particular modern thinkers. Finally, the class endeavors to show how historically informed political theory can help us to reframe contemporary debates by rethinking our intellectual inheritance, critically examining some of the traditions that comprise it, and subsequently asking ourselves anew what we should think and do in response to it.

Seminar Requirements and Grading:

The bulk of your grade (40%) will be determined by a final research paper (25-30 pp). Students will present the outline of their final paper topics on the last day of class (December 5; 10% of final grade). The research paper is due in my mailbox by Thursday, December 15 at 12 noon. Late essays will be marked down 1/2 letter grade per day they are late. You must consult with me concerning your term paper topic so that we can jointly ascertain its fit for the course.

Each seminar participant will present two short discussion papers (8-10 pp.) in response to the week's readings (35% of final grade). Discussion papers are to be mailed to me and the other members of the seminar the day before class. At the end of your presentation, you should provide your audience with 2 or 3 questions or issues for discussion that you believe to be particularly important for that week, in order to direct our focus.

This course is based on a seminar format; therefore, regular attendance, careful preparation, and active participation are essential. Every participant is also required to prepare two or three discussion questions for each meeting. You must email your questions to me and the other members of the seminar at least a day before the class for that week. The questions should highlight some dimension of the author's argument that you think raises important questions or themes for that week's discussion. Attendance, participation, and weekly discussion questions will jointly constitute 15% of your final grade.

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. Please come see me as soon as possible regarding this matter.

All students are required to abide by the University of Florida's Academic Honesty Guidelines, which may be viewed at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/honestybrochure.php>. Plagiarism of any sort will not be tolerated and will result in failure of the course and potential expulsion from the program.

Required Texts:

The Portable Machiavelli, ed. Peter Bondanella and Mark Musa (New York: Penguin Books, 1979)

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. Richard Tuck (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996)

John Locke, *Two Treatises of Government*, ed. Peter Laslett (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988)

John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*, ed. James Tully (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1983)

Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, ed. D.D. Raphael and A.L. Macfie (Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund, 1984)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract and the Discourses*, ed. G.D.H. Cole (London: Everyman, 1993)

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, ed. J.G.A. Pocock. (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1987)

Edmund Burke, *Further Reflections on the Revolution in France*, ed. Daniel E. Ritchie (Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund, 1992)

Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Men and A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, ed. Sylvana Tomaselli (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995)

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty and Other Writings*, ed. Stefan Collini (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989)

John Stuart Mill, *Considerations on Representative Government* (Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1991)

The Marx-Engels Reader, ed. Tucker (Norton)

Karl Marx, *Dispatches for the New York Tribune: Selected Journalism of Karl Marx* (Penguin, 2007)

Iain Hampsher-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1992)

Schedule:

August 22: *Introduction*

August 29: *Thinking About How to Do the History of Political Thought*

Reading: Leo Strauss, "What is Political Philosophy?" in *An Introduction to Political Philosophy: Ten Essays*, ed. Hilail Gildin (Wayne State University Press, 1989), pp. 3-57

Leo Strauss, *Persecution and the Art of Writing* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1988 [1952]) Chapter 2, pp. 22-37

Arthur M. Melzer, "Esotericism and the Critique of Historicism," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 100, No. 2 (2006): 279-295

Sheldon Wolin, "Political Theory as a Vocation," *American Political Science Review* 63, No. 4 (1969): 1062-1082

Quentin Skinner, "Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas," *History and Theory* 8 (1969): 3-53

Quentin Skinner, "Motives, Intentions, and the Interpretation of Texts," in *On Literary Intention*, ed. D. Newton de Molina (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1976, pp. 210-221

*Both Skinner essays are reprinted in *Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and his Critics*, ed. James Tully (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988)

J.G.A. Pocock, "Languages and Their Implications: The Transformation of the Study of Political Thought," in *Politics, Language, and Time: Essays on Political Thought and History* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989), pp. 3-41

J.G.A. Pocock, "The Concept of a Language and the *métier d'historien*: Some Considerations on Practice," in *The Languages of Political Theory in Early-Modern Europe*, ed. Anthony Pagden (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987), pp. 19-38

J.G.A. Pocock, "Quentin Skinner: The History of Politics and the Politics of History," *Common Knowledge*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (2004): 532-550

Richard Ashcraft, "One Step Backward, Two Steps Forward: Reflections Upon Contemporary Political Theory," in *What Should Political Theory Be Now?* Ed. John S. Nelson (Albany: SUNY Press, 1983), pp. 515-548

Richard Ashcraft, "On the Problem of Methodology and the Nature of Political Theory," *Political Theory*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (1975): 5-25

Richard Ashcraft, "Political Theory and the Problem of Ideology" (and ensuing debate), *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 42 (1980): 687-721

Conal Condren, *The Status and Appraisal of Classic Texts: An Essay on Political Theory, Its Inheritance, and the History of Ideas* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1985), pp. 1-7, 34-78, 255-262, 272-285

Terence Ball, "Political Theory and Conceptual Change," in Andrew Vincent (ed.), *Political Theory: Tradition and Diversity* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 28-44.

Daniel I. O'Neill, "Revisiting the Middle Way: *The Logic of the History of Ideas After More Than a Decade*," *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Vol. 73, No. 4 (2012): 583-592

Suggestions for Further Reading:

Mark Bevir, *The Logic of the History of Ideas* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1999)
 John Gunnell, *The Descent of Political Theory: The Genealogy of an American Vocation* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993)
 John Gunnell, *Political Theory: Tradition and Interpretation* (Little-Brown [Winthrop], 1979)
Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and his Critics, ed. James Tully (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988)
 Donald Kelley, *The Descent of Ideas: The History of Intellectual History* (Ashgate, 2002)

September 5: **No Class (Labor Day)**

September 12: ***Machiavelli***

Reading: *The Portable Machiavelli*, pp. 77-166 (*The Prince*) and pp. 167-418 (*The Discourses*)
 Janet Coleman, *A History of Political Thought: From the Middle Ages to the Renaissance* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2000), pp. 230-276

Suggestions for Further Reading:

Isaiah Berlin, "The Originality of Machiavelli," in *Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001)
 Gisela Bock and Quentin Skinner, eds. *Machiavelli and Republicanism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)
 Harvey C. Mansfield, *Machiavelli's Virtue* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998)
 Harvey C. Mansfield, *Machiavelli's New Modes and Orders: A Study of the Discourses on Livy* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001)
 John P. McCormick, *Machiavellian Democracy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011)
 Hanna Pitkin, *Fortune is a Woman: Gender and Politics in the Thought of Niccolo Machiavelli: With a New Afterword* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999)
 J.G.A. Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1975)
 Quentin Skinner, *Machiavelli: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: OUP, 2000)
 Quentin Skinner, "Machiavelli on Virtù and the Maintenance of Liberty," in *Visions of Politics, Volume II: Renaissance Virtues* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp. 160-185
 Quentin Skinner, *Liberty Before Liberalism* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998)
 Leo Strauss, *Thoughts on Machiavelli* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1958)
 Maurizio Viroli, *Republicanism* (New York: Hill and Wang, 1999)
 Diego A. von Vacano, *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory* (Lexington Books, 2007)
 Sheldon S. Wolin, chapter on Machiavelli in *Politics and Vision: Continuity and Innovation in Western Political Thought*; expanded edition (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006).

September 19: **Hobbes (I)**

Reading: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, pp. 1-111; Hampsher-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought*, pp.1-35; Richard Tuck, "Introduction," pp. ix-xlv

Sept. 26: **Hobbes (II)**

Reading: Hobbes, *Leviathan*, pp. 112-254; Hampsher-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought*, pp. 36-67

Suggestions for Further Reading:

David Armitage, "Hobbes and the Foundations of Modern International Thought," in *Rethinking the Foundations of Modern Political Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2006), pp. 219-235

Richard Ashcraft, "Ideology and Class in Hobbes' Political Theory," in *Political Theory*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (1978): 27-62

Richard Ashcraft, "Hobbes' Natural Man: A Study in Ideology Formation," in *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 33 (1971): 1077-1117

Richard Ashcraft, "Political Theory and Practical Action: A Reconsideration of Hobbes's State of Nature," in *Hobbes Studies*, Vol. I (1988): 63-88

Terence Ball, "Hobbes's Linguistic Turn," in *Polity*, Vol. 17 (1985)

Deborah Baumgold, *Hobbes's Political Theory* (Cambridge University Press, 1988)

Interpretation in Political Theory, ed. Clement Fatovic and Sean Walsh (New York and London: Routledge, 2016)

M.M. Goldsmith, "Hobbes's Mortal God," in *History of Political Thought*, Vol. I, No. 1 (1980): 33-50

M.M. Goldsmith, "Hobbes on Liberty," in *Hobbes Studies*, Vol. II (1989): 23-39

Kinch Hoekstra, "A Lion in the House: Hobbes and Democracy," in *Rethinking the Foundations of Modern Political Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2006), pp. 191-218.

Daniel J. Kapust and Brandon P. Turner, "Democratical Gentlemen and the Lust for Mastery: Status, Ambition, and the Language of Liberty in Hobbes's Political Thought" *Political Theory*, Vol. 41, No. 4 (2013): 648-675

C.B. Macpherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1962)

C.B. Macpherson, "Introduction," to Hobbes's *Leviathan* (New York: Penguin, 1985 [1968])

Ted H. Miller, *Mortal Gods: Science, Politics, and the Humanist Ambitions of Thomas Hobbes* (Penn State University Press, 2011)

Michael Oakeshott, *Hobbes on Civil Association* (Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund, 2000)

Carole Pateman, "'God Hath Ordained to Man a Helper': Hobbes, Patriarchy and Conjugal Right," in *Feminist Interpretations of Political Theory*, ed. Mary Lyndon Shanley and Carole Pateman (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1991), pp. 53-73

Philip Pettit, *Made with Words: Hobbes on Language, Mind, and Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007)

J.G.A. Pocock, "Time, History and Eschatology in the thought of Thomas Hobbes," in *Politics, Language and Time* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989)
 Quentin Skinner, *Visions of Politics, Volume III: Hobbes and Civil Science* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002)
 Patricia Springborg, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Hobbes's Leviathan* (Cambridge University Press, 2007)
 Leo Strauss, "Modern Natural Right: Hobbes," in *Natural Right and History* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1950)
 Leo Strauss, *The Political Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes: Its Basis and its Genesis* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1952)
 Richard Tuck, *Hobbes: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002)
 Richard Tuck, *Natural Rights Theories: Their Origin and Development* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979)
 Richard Tuck, "Hobbes and Democracy," in *Rethinking the Foundations of Modern Political Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2006), pp. 171-190

October 3: **Locke (I)**

Reading: John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, pp. 267-428; Hampsher-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought*, pp. 69-115.

October 10: **Locke (II)**

Reading: John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*, ed. James Tully (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett), pp. 1-58; (introduction and text); James Tully, "Locke," in *The Cambridge History of Political Thought, 1450-1700*, pp. 642-652; Kirstie McClure, "Difference, Diversity, and the Limits of Toleration," in *Political Theory*, Vol. 18, No. 3 (1990): 361-391; James Tully, "Rediscovering America: The *Two Treatises* and Aboriginal Rights," in *An Approach to Political Philosophy: Locke in Contexts*, pp. 137-176; David Armitage, "John Locke, Carolina, and the *Two Treatises of Government*," *Political Theory*, Vol. 32, No. 5 (2004): 602-627; James Farr, "Locke, Natural Law, and New World Slavery," *Political Theory*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (2008): 495-522.

Suggestions for Further Reading

Richard Ashcraft, "The Politics of Locke's *Two Treatises of Government*," in *John Locke's Two Treatises of Government: New Interpretations*, ed. Edward J. Harpham (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas), pp. 14-49
 Richard Ashcraft, *Revolutionary Politics and Locke's Two Treatises of Government* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1986)
 Richard Ashcraft, *Locke's Two Treatises of Government* (London: Unwin, 1987)
 Richard Ashcraft, "The Radical Dimensions of Locke's Political Thought: A Dialogic Essay on Some Matters of Interpretation," in *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (1992): 703-772

Richard Ashcraft, "The *Two Treatises* and the Exclusion Crisis: The Problem of Lockean Political Theory as Bourgeois Ideology," and J.G.A. Pocock, "The Myth of John Locke and the Obsession with Liberalism," *Papers Read at a Clark Library Seminar, Los Angeles, CA, 10 December 1977* (pp. 3-114)

Richard Boyd, "John Locke, Toleration, and Sectarianism," Chapter 4 of *Uncivil Society: The Perils of Pluralism and the Making of Modern Liberalism* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004), pp. 83-120

John Dunn, *The Political Thought of John Locke* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1969)

Louis Hartz, *The Liberal Tradition in America* (Harvest Books, 2nd Edition, 1991 [1955]) *Feminist Interpretations of John Locke*, ed. Nancy J. Hirschmann and Kirstie M.

McClure (University Park: Penn State University Press, 2007).

Isaac Kramnick, "Republican Revisionism Revisited" in *Republicanism and Bourgeois Radicalism: Political Ideology in Late Eighteenth-Century England and America* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1990)

C.B. Macpherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1962)

Kirstie McClure, *Judging Rights: Lockean Politics and the Limits of Consent* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1996)

Charles Mills, *The Racial Contract* (Cornell: Cornell University Press, 1997)

Carole Pateman, *The Sexual Contract* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1988)

J.G.A. Pocock, "Authority and Property: The Question of Liberal Origins," in *Virtue, Commerce, and History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985)

Leo Strauss, "Modern Natural Right: Locke," in *Natural Right and History*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1950)

James Tully, "Locke," in *The Cambridge History of Political Thought, 1450-1700*, ed. J.H. Burns and Mark Goldie (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp. 616-642;

James Tully, "After the Macpherson Thesis," in *An Approach to Political Philosophy: Locke in Contexts* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)

Michael Zuckert, *Launching Liberalism: On Lockean Political Philosophy* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2002)

October 17: ***Adam Smith***

Reading: Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*

Suggestions for Further Reading:

Richard Boyd, "Reappraising the Scottish Moralists and Civil Society," Chapter 3 of *Uncivil Society: The Perils of Pluralism and the Making of Modern Liberalism* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004), pp. 121-151

Christopher Berry, *Social Theory of the Scottish Enlightenment* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press)

Jerry Z. Muller, *Adam Smith in His Time and Ours* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993)

- Graham Burchell, "Peculiar interests: civil society and governing 'the system of natural liberty,'" in *The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality*, eds. Graham Burchell, Colin Gordon, and Peter Miller (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1991)
- T.D. Campbell, *Adam Smith's Science of Morals* (Totowa, NJ: Rowman and Littlefield, 1971)
- The Cambridge Companion to the Scottish Enlightenment*, ed. Alexander Broadie (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- John Dwyer, *The Age of the Passions: An Interpretation of Adam Smith and Scottish Enlightenment Culture* (East Lothian, Scotland: Tuckwell Press, 1998)
- Samuel Fleischaker, *On Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations: A Philosophical Companion* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004)
- Fonna Forman-Barzilai, *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy: Cosmopolitanism and Moral Theory* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011)
- Charles Griswold, *Adam Smith and the Virtues of Enlightenment* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999)
- Knud Haakonssen, *The Science of a Legislator: The Natural Jurisprudence of David Hume and Adam Smith* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981)
- Knud Haakonssen, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Adam Smith* (Cambridge University Press, 2006)
- Ryan Patrick Hanley, *Adam Smith and the Character of Virtue* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011)
- Ronald Hamowy, *The Scottish Enlightenment and the Theory of Spontaneous Order* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1987)
- Albert O. Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests: Political Arguments for Capitalism before Its Triumph* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997 [1977])
- Ronald Meek, *Social Science and the Ignoble Savage* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976)
- Sankar Muthu, "Adam Smith's Critique of International Trading Companies: Theorizing "Globalization" in the Age of Enlightenment," *Political Theory*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (2008): 185-212
- Daniel I. O'Neill, "The Scottish Enlightenment, the Moral Sense, and the Civilizing Process," in *The Burke-Wollstonecraft Debate* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2007), Chapter 1.
- N.T. Phillipson, "The Scottish Enlightenment," in *The Enlightenment in National Context*, ed. Roy Porter and Mikulas Teich (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981), pp. 19-40
- J.G.A. Pocock, *Barbarism and Religion, Volume Two: Narratives of Civil Government*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999)
- D.D. Raphael and A.L. Macfie, "Introduction" to Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, pp. 1-32
- Wealth and Virtue: The Shaping of Political Economy in the Scottish Enlightenment*, ed. Istvan Hont and Michael Ignatieff (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983)
- Dennis C. Rasmussen, "Does 'Bettering Our Condition' Really Make Us Better Off? Adam Smith on Progress and Happiness," in *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 100, No. 3 (2006): 309-318
- Dennis C. Rasmussen, *The Problems and Promise of Commercial Society: Adam Smith's Response to Rousseau* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2008)

Emma Rothschild, *Economic Sentiments: Adam Smith, Condorcet, and the Enlightenment* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2001)

Donald Winch, *Riches and Poverty: An Intellectual History of Political Economy in Britain, 1750-1834* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

Donald Winch, *Adam Smith's Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978)
Essays on Adam Smith, ed. Andrew S. Skinner and Thomas Wilson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1975)

October 24: ***Jean-Jacques Rousseau***

Reading: Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality* and *The Social Contract*; Hampshire-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought*, pp. 153-195

Recommended: Rousseau, *Emile*

Suggestions for Further Reading:

The Cambridge Companion to Rousseau, ed. Patrick Riley (Cambridge UP, 2001)

Marshall Berman, *The Politics of Authenticity: Radical Individualism and the Emergence of Modern Society* (London: MacMillan, 1971)

Carol Blum, *Rousseau and the Republic of Virtue* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1986)

Richard Boyd, "Pity's Pathologies Portrayed: Rousseau and the Limits of Democratic Compassion," *Political Theory* (2004)32: 519 - 546

David Cameron, *The Social Thought of Rousseau and Burke: A Comparative Study* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1973)

Ernst Cassirer, *The Question of Jean-Jacques Rousseau* (2nd ed., New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989)

Alfred Cobban, *Rousseau and the Modern State* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1968)

Lester Crocker, *Rousseau's Social Contract: An Interpretive Essay* (Cleveland: Press of Case Western Reserve University, 1968)

Norman Hampson, *Will and Circumstance: Montesquieu, Rousseau and the French Revolution* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1983)

C.W. Hendel, *Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Moralists* (2 Vols., London, 1934)

The Legacy of Rousseau, ed. Clifford Orwin and Nathan Tarcov (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997)

George Kateb, "Aspects of Rousseau's Political Thought," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 76, No. 4 (Dec., 1961): 519-543

Nannerl Keohane, "The 'Masterpiece of Policy in Our Century': Rousseau on the Morality of the Enlightenment," *Political Theory*, Vol. 6, No. 4 (1978): 457-484

Jonathan Marks, *Perfection and Disharmony in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005)

Arthur Melzer, *The Natural Goodness of Man: On the System of Rousseau's Thought* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990)

Jim Miller, *Rousseau: Dreamer of Democracy* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1996)

- Mira Morgenstern, *Rousseau and the Politics of Ambiguity* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 1996)
- Annie M. Osborn *Rousseau and Burke: A Study of the Idea of Liberty in Eighteenth-Century Political Thought* (London: Oxford University Press, 1940)
- Carole Pateman, *The Problem of Political Obligation: A Critique of Liberal Theory* (2nd ed., Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1985)
- Ethan Putterman, *Rousseau, Law and the Sovereignty of the People* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010)
- Rousseau and Liberty*, ed. Robert Wokler ((Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1995)
- Judith Shklar, *Men and Citizens: A Study of Rousseau's Social Theory* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985)
- Jean Starobinski, *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Transparency and Obstruction* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1988)
- J.L. Talmon, *The Origins of Totalitarian Democracy* (Praeger, 1960)
- Penny Weiss, *Gendered Community: Rousseau, Sex and Politics* (New York: New York University Press, 1993)
- David Lay Williams, *Rousseau's Platonic Enlightenment* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2008)
- David Lay Williams, *Rousseau's Social Contract: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014)
- Elizabeth Wingrove, *Rousseau's Republican Romance* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000)
- Robert Wokler, *Rousseau: A Very Short Introduction* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001)

October 31: ***Edmund Burke***

Reading: Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (1-218); “A Letter to A Member of the National Assembly,” and excerpt from “An Appeal From the New to the Old Whigs,” in *Further Reflections on the Revolution in France*, pp. 27-74, 156-201; Hampsher-Monk, *A History of Modern Political Thought*, pp. 261-304

Recommended: *A Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful*. Ed. James T. Boulton. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1968 [1757/1759]

Suggestions for Further Reading:

- Richard Bourke, *Empire and Revolution: The Political Life of Edmund Burke* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2015)
- Francis Canavan, *The Political Reason of Edmund Burke*. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 1960)
- Alfred Cobban, *Edmund Burke and the Revolt Against the Eighteenth Century* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1960 [1929])

- Frans De Bruyn, "Edmund Burke's Natural Aristocrat: The 'Man of Taste' as a Political Ideal." *Eighteenth-Century Life* 11, No. 2 (1987): 41-60.
- Edmund Burke: On Empire, Liberty, and Reform*, ed. David Bromwich (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000)
- Seán Patrick Donlan, ed. *Edmund Burke's Irish Identities* (Portland, OR: Irish Academic Press, 2007)
- David Dwan and Christopher J. Insole, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Edmund Burke* (Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- Tom Furniss, *Edmund Burke's Aesthetic Ideology: Language, Gender, and Political Economy in Revolution* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)
- Luke Gibbons, *Edmund Burke and Ireland: Aesthetics, Politics, and the Colonial Sublime*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- Vilho Harle, "Burke the International Theorist---or the War of the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness," in *European Values in International Relations*, ed. Vilho Harle (New York: Pinter Publishers, 1990)
- Don Herzog, *Poisoning the Minds of the Lower Orders* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998)
- The Impact of the French Revolution: Texts from Britain in the 1790s*, ed. Iain Hampsher-Monk (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005)
- Rodney Kilcup, "Reason and the Basis of Morality in Burke," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (1979): 271-84.
- Isaac Kramnick, *The Rage of Edmund Burke: Portrait of An Ambivalent Conservative*. New York: Basic Books, 1977)
- C.B. Macpherson, *Burke*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1980)
- Uday Singh Mehta, *Liberalism and Empire: A Study in Nineteenth-Century British Liberal Thought*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999)
- Daniel I. O'Neill, *The Burke-Wollstonecraft Debate: Savagery, Civilization, and Democracy* (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2007)
- Daniel I. O'Neill, *Edmund Burke and the Conservative Logic of Empire* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2016).
- Charles Parkin, *The Moral Basis of Burke's Political Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1956)
- Ronald Paulson, *Representations of Revolution, 1789-1820* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1983)
- Jennifer Pitts, *A Turn to Empire: The Rise of Imperial Liberalism in Britain and France* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2005)
- J.G.A. Pocock, "The Political Economy of Burke's Analysis of the French Revolution," in *Virtue, Commerce, and History: Essays on Political Thought and History, Chiefly in the Eighteenth Century* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985), pp. 193-212
- J.G.A. Pocock, "Introduction" to *Burke's Reflections on the Revolution in France* (Indianapolis: Hackett, 1987), pp. vii-lvi
- J.G. A. Pocock, "Edmund Burke and the Redefinition of Enthusiasm: The Context as Counter-Revolution." In *The French Revolution and the Creation of Modern Political Culture*, Vol. 3, ed. François Furet and Mona Ozouf (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989)

- Peter Stanlis, *Edmund Burke and the Natural Law* (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 1958)
- Leo Strauss, *Natural Right and History* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1953)
- Michael Funk Deckard and Koen Vermeir, eds., *The Science of Sensibility: Reading Burke's Philosophical Enquiry* (New York: Springer, 2012)
- Burleigh Taylor Wilkins, *The Problem of Burke's Political Philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1967)
- Jennifer M. Welsh, *Edmund Burke and International Relations: The Commonwealth of Europe and the Crusade against the French Revolution*. (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1995)
- Frederick G. Whelan, *Edmund Burke and India: Political Morality and Empire* (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1996)
- Stephen K. White, *Edmund Burke: Modernity, Politics, and Aesthetics* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 1994)
- Neal Wood, "The Aesthetic Dimension of Burke's Political Thought," *Journal of British Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (1964): 41-64.
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November 7: **Mary Wollstonecraft**

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December 5: **Conclusion (Presentation of Paper Topics)**

