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POT 6056: Modern Political Thought

Course Description and Objectives:

This graduate seminar focuses on key questions about the foundations of the modern political world. It provides students with an intensive introduction to a range of canonical thinkers and ideas central to Western political thought from the Renaissance to the nineteenth century, including: republicanism, absolutism, liberalism, democracy, conservatism, feminism, socialism, Marxism, and the dawn of post-structuralism. 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 canonical modern thinkers and texts. 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). The research paper is due in my mailbox by Thursday, December 12 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 (40% 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 20% of your final grade.

Policy on Academic Integrity: All students are required to abide by the University of Florida's Academic Honesty Guidelines. UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code." On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conducthonor-code>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor.

Among other things, this policy means that cheating on exams is totally unacceptable, as is plagiarism. Plagiarism is the act of portraying as your own the words or ideas of other people. Examples include submitting entire papers, or portions of papers, that you did not write (*e.g.*, old papers written by other students, new papers written by other students, papers which you paid a "research" service to write for you, papers or portions of papers downloaded from the Internet), and the use of Artificial Intelligence methods instead of doing the work yourself. Copying verbatim or paraphrasing any substantial portion of text by another author---including of the non-human variety---without acknowledging the source via quotation and/or footnotes is plagiarism. Plagiarism is far easier to spot than you might think. Do not ruin your experience in this or any other class by engaging in academic dishonesty. **This should be made somewhat easier in the current class because all outside sources are strictly forbidden.**

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center.](#) **It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.**

Class Demeanor: Students are expected to arrive at class on time and behave in a manner that is respectful to the instructor and to fellow students. Opinions held by other students should be respected in discussion, and conversations that do not contribute to the discussion (including online conversations) should be held at a minimum, if at all. Phones should be turned off prior to class. Save Facebook, (F)Instagram, Snapchat, X (formerly known as Twitter), TikTok, etc., until your free time. While the Alligator is a very good student newspaper, please do not read it during class time.

Course Evaluation Process: Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner.](#) Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in the Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluer.com/ufl/. [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here.](#)

Materials and Supplies Fees: There are no additional fees for this course.

Contact information for the Counseling and Wellness Center:

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Required Texts:

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

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. C.B. Macpherson (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1980)

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

Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Men; A Vindication of the Rights of Woman; An Historical and Moral View of the French Revolution* (ed. Janet Todd, Oxford University Press, 2008).

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

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

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

The Portable Nietzsche (New York: Penguin, 1977)

Schedule:

August 27: *Introduction*

September 3: *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.

Patchen Markell, "Unexpected Paths: On Political Theory and History," *Theory & Event* Vol. 19, No. 1 (2016)

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 10: Niccolò 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:

- Alissa M. Ardito, *Machiavelli and the Modern State: The Prince, the Discourses on Livy, and the Extended Territorial Republic*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015)
 Isaiah Berlin, "The Originality of Machiavelli," in *Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001)
 Erica Benner, *Machiavelli's Prince: A New Reading* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013)
 Gisela Bock and Quentin Skinner, eds. *Machiavelli and Republicanism* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993)
 By Michelle T. Clarke, *Machiavelli's Florentine Republic* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018).
Machiavelli's Legacy: The Prince After 500 Years, Edited by Timothy Fuller (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015)
 Christopher Holman, *Machiavelli and the Politics of Democratic Innovation* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2018)
Machiavelli on Liberty and Conflict, Edited by David Johnston, Nadia Urbinati, and Camila Vergara (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017)
 Mark Jurdjevic, *A Great and Wretched City: Promise and Failure in Machiavelli's Florentine Political Thought* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014)
 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)
 John P. McCormick, *Reading Machiavelli: Scandalous Books, Suspect Engagements, and the Virtue of Populist Politics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2018)
 Hanna Pitkin, *Fortune is a Woman: Gender and Politics in the Thought of Niccolò Machiavelli: With a New Afterword* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999)

- J.G.A. Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1975)
- Ronald J. Schmidt, Jr., *Reading Politics With Machiavelli* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018)
- 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, *Redeeming the Prince: The Meaning of Machiavelli's Masterpiece* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014)
- Diego A. von Vacano, *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory* (Lexington Books, 2007)
- Miguel Vatter, *Between Form and Event: Machiavelli's Theory of Political Freedom* (Springer 2000)
- Yves Winter, *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018)
- Sheldon S. Wolin, chapter on Machiavelli in *Politics and Vision: Continuity and Innovation in Western Political Thought*; expanded edition (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006)
- Catherine H. Zuckert, *Machiavelli's Politics* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017)

September 17: Thomas 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

September 24: Thomas Hobbes (II)

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

Suggestions for Further Reading:

- Arash Abizadeh, *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018)
- 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)
- Theodore Christov, *Before Anarchy: Hobbes and his Critics in Modern International Thought* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015)
- Richard E. Flathman, *Thomas Hobbes: Skepticism, Individuality, and Chastened Politics* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002)
- Samantha Frost . *Lessons from a Materialist Thinker: Hobbesian Reflections on Ethics and Politics* (Stanford University Press, 2008)
- 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])
- James Martel . *Subverting the Leviathan: Reading Thomas Hobbes as a Radical Democrat*, (2007).
- 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)
- Diego A. Fernández Psychauxm "The Multitude in the Mirror: Hobbes on Power, Rhetoric, and Materialism," *Theory & Event*, Vol. 21, No. 3 (2018)
- 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)
- Quentin Skinner, *Hobbes and Republican Liberty* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- William Sokoloff, "Politics and Anxiety in Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan*," *Theory & Event*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2001)
- 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 1: John Locke (I)

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

February October 8: John Locke (II)

Reading: John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*, ed. James Tully (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett), pp. 1-58; (introduction and text); John Locke, *The Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina*; 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; Holly Brewer, "Slavery, Sovereignty, and Inheritable Blood: Reconsidering John Locke and the Origins of American Slavery," *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 122, No. 4 (2017): 1038-1078; Onur Ulas Ince, "Enclosing in God's Name, Accumulating for Mankind: Money, Morality, and Accumulation in John Locke's Theory of Property," *The Review of Politics*, 73:1 (Winter 2011): 29-54.

Suggestions for Further Reading

Barbara Arneil, *Locke and America* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996).

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).

Vicki Hsueh, "Giving Orders: Theory and Practice in the Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina," *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Vol. 63, No. 4 (2002): 425-446

Vicki Hsueh, "Unsettling Colonies: Locke, 'Atlantis,' and New World Knowledges," *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 29, No. 2 (2008): 295-319

Vicki Hsueh, "Cultivating and Challenging the Common: Lockean Property, Indigenous Traditionalisms, and the Problem of Exclusion," *Contemporary Political Theory*. 2006 (5): 193-214.

Onur Ulas Ince, *Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism* (Oxford University Press, 2018)

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)

Charles Mills, *Black Rights/White Wrongs: The Critique of Racial Liberalism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017)

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

Charles Mills and Carole Pateman, *Contract and Domination* (Polity, 2007)

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

Torrey Shanks, *Authority Figures: Rhetoric and Experience in John Locke's Political Thought* (Penn State University Press, 2014)

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 15: 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)

Ryan Patrick Hanley, *Our Great Purpose: Adam Smith on Living A Better Life* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019)

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)
- Paul Sagar, *The Opinion of Mankind: Sociability and the Theory of the State from Hobbes to Smith* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2018)
- Paul Sagar, *Adam Smith Reconsidered: History, Liberty, and the Foundations of Modern Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2022)
- Eric Schliesser, *Adam Smith: Systematic Philosopher and Public Thinker* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017)
- Michelle Schwarze and John T. Scott, "Spontaneous Disorder in Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*: Resentment, Injustice, and the Appeal to Providence," *Journal of Politics* 77(2): 463-476.
- 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 22: Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Reading: Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality and The Social Contract*; Hampsher-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)
- Laurence Cooper, *Rousseau, Nature, and the Problem of the Good Life* (Penn State University Press, 2006)
- Lester Crocker, *Rousseau's Social Contract: An Interpretive Essay* (Cleveland: Press of Case Western Reserve University, 1968)
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