

PSC 375
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Recent Political Theory
WRI C235
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4:00-5:00 and Fri. 11:30-12:30.

In this course we read some of the most significant works in recent political thought. We will begin by focusing on their radical criticisms of the Western political and moral tradition and will go on to explore what they believe could and should happen next.

Each class will combine lecture and discussion. It is very important that you come to class having done the assigned reading for that day. Read the material at least twice. Take notes and raise any questions you may have in class.

Readings:

The following books should be purchased:

1. Hannah Arendt. *The Human Condition*.
2. Martin Heidegger. *Introduction to Metaphysics*.
3. Friedrich Nietzsche. *Genealogy of Morals*.
4. John Rawls. *A Theory of Justice*.

The following readings will be available on reserve at the library and (or) online.

1. Carl Cohen. Editor. *Communism, Fascism, and Democracy*, 2d ed. Selections.
2. Joseph Cropsey, et al. *History of Political Philosophy. "Nietzsche" and "Heidegger."*
3. Martin Heidegger. "A Letter Concerning Technology."
-----"Only a God Can Save Us"
----- "The Self-Assertion of the German University."
4. John Rawls. "Liberalism: Political Not Metaphysical."

Assignments

Assignments include:

1. In-class examination (30%) in early November.
2. Paper of 5 pages on a topic to be assigned, due in early October (30%)
3. Final examination (30%)
4. Class Participation (10%).

You must complete all written assignments in order to pass the course. Your grade will be reduced if you have more than two un-excused absences.

Each examination will consist of essay questions. One week before each examination you will receive details about it to guide your study.

Make-up examinations and extensions for submitting papers will be granted only in cases of emergency (e.g., personal illness, preferably with a note from a doctor; serious illness in one's family). The grade on a paper will be reduced by one increment on the scale for each day the paper is late without an approved extension.

Announcement

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