

**UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE 430Y/2021Y**

**COMPARATIVE TOPICS IN JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH  
POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**WINTER SESSION 2010-2011**

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Our theme this year will be piety and strife both external and internal. We will explore it through a careful reading of Thucydides' *War of the Athenians and the Peloponnesians*, the Book of Judges, and Rousseau's *Le Lévite d'Ephraïm*, his rewriting of the final episode of Judges. My plan is to spend sixteen weeks (including part of the opening session of the year) on Thucydides, six on Judges, and one on Rousseau. (We will plan to meet 23 times rather than 24, but will hold the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting if necessary.) **N.B. WE WILL NOT BE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21.**

**A WARNING: CLASS SESSIONS WILL BE GRUELING AS THEY WILL RUN FOR THREE HOURS OR MORE. ALTHOUGH LISTED AS A 400-LEVEL COURSE, THIS COURSE IS A GRADUATE SEMINAR AND WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL.**

**OUR CLASS MOTTO IS THAT OF THE OREGON TRAIL: THE COWARDS NEVER STARTED, THE WEAK DIED ALONG THE WAY**

**Recommended Editions (available at the Bob Miller Book Room, 180 Bloor Street West).**



*The landmark Thucydides*, edited by Robert B. Strassler; translated by Richard Crawley, with an introduction by Victor Davis Hanson. New York : Simon & Schuster/ Touchstone, 1998.

Editions of Judges and Rousseau TBA

## Recommended Secondary Reading

**Books marked CR will be on two hour course reserve at Robarts Library. Items marked ER will not be placed on reserve, although copies are available in the library system; they are available, however, as electronic resources through the University Library's electronic catalogue.**

Ahrens Dorf, Peter J. "Thucydides' realist critique of realism." *Polity* 2.2 (1997): 231-265 JA1 P75 (ER)

——— and Thomas L. Pangle. *Justice among nations: on the moral basis of power and peace*. Lawrence: Kansas University Press, 1999 JZ1306 .P36 1999X (CR)

Balot, Ryan K. *Greed and injustice in classical Athens*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001 B187 .A85 B35 2001X (CR)

Bolotin, David. "Thucydides." In Leo Strauss and Joseph Cropsey, ed., *History of political philosophy*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986: 7-31 JA81 .S75 1987 (also available in the 2d. ed.)

Bruell, Christopher. "Thucydides' view of Athenian imperialism." *American Political Science Review* 68 (1974): 1680-81 JA1 .A6 (ER)

Cogan, Marc. *The human thing. The speeches and principles of Thucydides' History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1981 DF229 .T6 C63

Coby, Patrick. "Enlightened self-interest in the Peloponnesian War. Thucydidean speakers on the right of the stronger and interstate peace." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 24.1 (1991):67-90 JA4 .C3 (ER)

Connor, W.R. *Thucydides*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984 PA4461 .C64 1984 (ER)

Edmunds, Lowell. *Chance and intelligence in Thucydides*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1975 DF229 .T6 E35 1975 (CR)

Forde, Steven P. *The ambition to rule: Alcibiades and the politics of imperialism in Thucydides*. Ithaca: Cornell U.P., 1989 DF230 .A4 F67 1989 (CR)

\_\_\_\_\_. "Varieties of realism: Thucydides and Machiavelli." *Journal of Politics*, 54 (1992): 372-393  
JA1 .J6 (ER)

\_\_\_\_\_. "Thucydides on ripeness and conflict resolution." *International Studies Quarterly* 48.1  
(2004): 177-96 D839 .I56 (ER)

Gomme, A.W. *A historical commentary on Thucydides*. 4 vols. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1956  
PA4461 .G6

Grene, David. *Man in his pride. A study in the political philosophy of Thucydides and Plato*.  
Chicago, U. of C. Press, 1950 JC73 .G85

Gustafson, Lowell S., ed. *Thucydides' theory of international relations: a lasting possession*. Baton  
Rouge: LSU Press, 2000 JZ1305 .T48 2000X

Hanson, Victor Davis. *A war like no other: how the Athenians and Spartans fought the  
Peloponnesian War*. New York: Random House, 2005 DF229 .H36 2005X (CR)

Hornblower, Simon. *A commentary on Thucydides*. 3 vols. New York: Oxford U.P., 1991-2008  
DF229 .T6 H65 1991 ROBA

Johnson, Laurie M. *Thucydides, Hobbes, and the interpretation of realism*. DeKalb: Northern  
Illinois U.P., 1993 B1248 .M26 J64 1993

Kagan, Donald. *The Peloponnesian War*. New York: Viking, 2003 DF229 .K34 2003X (CR)

\_\_\_\_\_. *Thucydides. The reinvention of history*. New York: Viking, 2009 DF229 .T6 K28  
2009X (CR)

Macleod, Colin (C.W.). *Collected Essays*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983 PA3003 .M32 1983  
(CR)

Mara, Gerald M. *The civic conversations of Thucydides and Plato: classical political philosophy  
and the limits of democracy*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2008 JA71 .M26415 2008X (CR)

Monoson, S. Sara. "Citizen as *erastes*: erotic imagery and the idea of reciprocity in the Periclean  
Funeral Oration." *Political Theory* 22.2 (1994): 253-76 JA1 .A1 P64 (ER)

\_\_\_\_\_. and Michael Loriaux. "The illusion of power and the disruption of moral norms:  
Thucydides' critique of Periclean policy." *American Political Science Review* 92.2 (1998): 285-97  
JA1 .A6 (ER)

Orwin, Clifford. *The humanity of Thucydides*, 2nd. ed. rev. Princeton: Princeton U.P., 1997 DF229 .T6 O76 1994 (CR)

\_\_\_\_. "Thucydides' contest: Thucydides 1.1-22 in context." *Review of Politics* 51 (1989): 345-64 JA1 .R4 (ER)

Palmer, Michael. *Love of glory and the common good: aspects of the political thought of Thucydides*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1992 JC71 .T482 P35 1992 (CR)

Price, Jonathan J. *Thucydides and internal war*. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge U.P., 2001 DF229 .T55 P75 2001 (ER)

Rengakos, Antonios and Antonis Tsakmakis, eds. *Brill's Companion to Thucydides*. Leiden: Brill, 2006 DF229 .T6 B75 2006

Romilly, Jacqueline de. *Thucydides and Athenian imperialism*, tr. Philip Thody. Oxford: Blackwell, 1963 PA4461 .R733 1963 (CR)

Rood, Tim. *Thucydides: narrative and explanation*. Oxford and New York: the Clarendon Press, 1998 DF229 .T6 R64 1998X (CR)

Stahl Hans-Peter. *Thucydides: man's place in history*. Swansea: Classical Press of Wales, 2003. (English translation by Stahl himself of an original German version of 1966). DF229 .T6 S7213 2003

Strauss, Leo. *The city and man*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1978 [1964] JC73 .S8 1978 (CR)

Welch, David. "Why international relations theorists should stop reading Thucydides." *Review of International Studies* 29.3 (2003): 301-19 D839 .B772 (ER)

**Recommended reading on Judges and Rousseau TBA**

### **Course Assignments and Marking Scheme**

**POL 430Y (the undergraduate course)**. Three essays of 2750 words each, due October 22, January 7, and April 8; a take-home exam (to be distributed the afternoon of Friday, April 1; due at 11 AM on Monday, April 4). The first assignment will be worth 20% of the final mark, each of the following three will be worth 25%, the take-home exam will be worth 25%, and there will be 5% for participation.

**POL 2021Y (the graduate course).** Three essays, on topics of the student's own devising, due October 29, January 14, and April 15; a take-home exam (to be distributed the afternoon of Friday, April 1; due at 11 AM on Monday, April 4; each assignment worth a fourth of the final mark. Essays must not exceed 5500 words and will not be read beyond the 5500th word. (There will be a much lower word limit for the take-home exam.)

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESSAYS ELECTRONICALLY, THEREBY SPARING CANADA'S FORESTS.**

**N.B. In the graduate course as in the undergraduate one, no extensions will be granted on written work except for good cause. In keeping with Nietzsche's theory of punishment, however, according to which every crime has its price and punishment was originally nothing more than an exaction of that price (cf. *On the Genealogy of Morals*, Second Essay), extensions will be readily available to those willing to purchase them. The price will be 3 points, plus 2 additional points per day beginning with the first, off your mark for that assignment. (If you are one day late you will lose 5 points; two days late, 7; etc.). This proviso does not apply to the take-home exam, which will not be accepted if late.**

**You are responsible for informing yourself of and abiding by the University's policies on plagiarism and other academic offenses. These are available at the Department of Political Science or from the instructor.**

**Mr. Orwin's Office Hours**

Thursdays, 4:00-6:00, at Alumni Hall 323 (926-1300, ext. 3277) or by appointment.