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**POL320Y1 Y
Modern Political Thought**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course offers a general introduction to modern Western political thought. We will engage in a close reading of some of the most important texts from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and, in the process, will explore three central themes in the political theory of that period. First, students will consider the meaning of history, including the questions of how 'enlightenment' and 'modernity' can be understood, and whether they represent progress or decline. Second, the course will examine the defining political values and ideals of modernity, with an emphasis on freedom. We will explore whether and how political communities might be emancipated through the reform of the institutions that govern them. Finally, we will think about the relations between those communities, asking whether modernity might create new opportunities for perpetual peace between states, or whether this idea is utopian, and exploring questions about colonialism, intervention and the difference between the West and "the rest". We will attempt to understand the continued relevance of eighteenth and nineteenth century debates about history, freedom and war to contemporary political debates.

REQUIRED TEXTS

It is important to use the right translations of these works. Each student is expected in their assignments to refer to the editions listed here. Page references listed in the course schedule, below, refer to these editions.

Al Afghani, Sayyid Jamal ad-Din, *An Islamic Response to Imperialism*. University of California Press 1983 edition translated by Keddie (ISBN-10: 520047745, ISBN-13: 978-0520047747).

Burke, Edmund. *Reflections on the Revolution in France*. Oxford World's Classics 2009 edition edited by Mitchell (ISBN-10: 9780199539024, ISBN-13: 978-0199539024).

Chomin, Nakae, *A Discourse of Three Drunkards on Government*. Weatherhill 1992 edition translated by Tsukui (ISBN-10: 0834801922, ISBN-13: 978-0834801929).

Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*. Edited by Allen W. Wood. Cambridge University Press 1991 edition translated by Nisbet (ISBN-10: 0521348889, ISBN-13: 978-0521348881).

Kang, Youwei, *Ta t'ung Shu: The One-World Philosophy of K'ang Yu-wei*. Allen & Unwin 2007 edition translated by Thompson. (ISBN-10: 0415612403, ISBN-13: 978-0415612401).

Kant, Immanuel, *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace, and History*. Yale University Press 2006 edition edited by Kleingeld and translated by Colclasure with essays by Waldron, Doyle and Wood (ISBN-10: 0-300-11070-7, ISBN-13: 978-0-300-11070-8).

Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*. Norton 1978 edition edited by Tucker (ISBN-10: 9780393090406, ISBN-13: 978-0393090406)

Mill, John Stuart, *On Liberty and Other Writings*, Cambridge 1989 edition edited by Collini (ISBN-10: 0521379172, ISBN-13: 978-0521379175).

Nietzsche, Friedrich Wilhelm, *On the Genealogy of Morality*. Cambridge 2017 edition translated by Diethelme and edited by Ansell-Pearson (ISBN-10: 9781316602591, ISBN-13: 978-1316602591).

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques *Basic Political Writings*. Hackett 2012 edition translated by Cress and introduced by Wootton. (ISBN-10: 9781316602591, ISBN-13: 978-1316602591)

Wollstonecraft, Mary, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman and A Vindication of the Rights of Men*. Oxford World's Classics 2009 edition edited by Todd (ISBN-10: 019955546X, ISBN-13: 978-0199555468).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be evaluated based on the following four criteria:

1. **Participation in tutorials (10% of the final grade).** Participation marks are awarded for active attention and class interaction and for evidence of familiarity with assigned readings.

2. **Midterm Test (25% of the final grade).** – A one-hour written test will be administered halfway through the semester. The test will cover the material covered to that point and will take place the week of June 19th – 26th
3. **Paper (30% of the final grade).** A detailed study of a particular aspect of the course topic. The course instructors will provide a list of possible subjects, relevant bibliographical inputs as well as further guidelines during the first part of the term. The paper should be no more than 10 pages double-spaced with 12-point font and one inch margins. Students are encouraged to meet with their TA or course instructors to discuss their term paper prior to submission. Students should upload their paper to Quercus. The paper is due on July 24.
4. **Final Exam (35% of the final grade)- TBA**

COURSE POLICIES

Extensions: No extensions will be granted unless students have acceptable reasons that are adequately documented, such as a medical emergency supported by an official UofT medical certificate. Appropriate documentation must be submitted within one week of the missed course requirement. Multiple assignments or midterms from other courses scheduled for the same date – or other work commitments – do not constitute acceptable reasons for extensions.

Make-ups: Students who miss the midterm test for medical reasons may, within one week of the missed test, submit a medical certificate to the instructors and request special consideration.

Late Penalties: Essays are to be handed in at the beginning of class on the date that they are due. Late papers will be penalized 5 percentage points per calendar day of lateness, *weekends included*. All late work should be submitted to the main desk of the Political Science Department. Students must make sure late submissions are signed and dated by department staff.

Course Grades: If you have concerns regarding an assignment mark you should present a detailed written explanation (approximately 1 page single spaced) of why you feel the grade is unjustified within two weeks of receiving the grade in question. Once an appeal is submitted, the entire assignment will be re-examined. The appeal process can result in no change to the original grade, a higher grade, or a lower grade.

Office Hours and Communication: Office hours are TBA. We will endeavor to respond to emails within 48 hours. Email is for short clarification questions only. If you have concerns or questions that cannot be answered in a short response please see us during office hours. Please use your University of Toronto email address for all communication.

Turnitin.com: Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

Students with principled objections to the use of Turnitin.com can make alternative arrangements with the professor. Such arrangements might include the requirement that all rough work is handed in with the paper or that the student include an annotated bibliography with the paper. Alternative arrangements will be decided upon in consultation with the U of T Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation.

Plagiarism: Issues of plagiarism are taken exceptionally seriously. Please ensure that you are familiar with the University of Toronto's Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters. It can be found at: (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm>).

Quercus and E-mail: All students should ensure that they are registered on the course on Quercus, once term has begun, as reading materials & course announcements will be posted electronically. You must make sure to regularly check your utoronto email account to make sure that you receive important email notices.

Accessibility Needs: Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. If you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodations, please feel free to approach us and/or the Accessibility Resource Centre as soon as possible.

COURSE SCHEDULE

1. Introduction (May 6th)

2. Rousseau I (May 8th)

Discourse on the Origins of Inequality, pp. 27-92 in Rousseau, *Basic Political Writings*.

3. Rousseau II (May 13th)

The Social Contract, Books 1 and 2, pp. 153-90 in Rousseau, *Basic Political Writings*.

4. Rousseau III (May 15th)

The Social Contract, Books 3 and 4, pp. 191-252 in Rousseau, *Basic Political Writings*.

"The State of War", pp. 253-65 in Rousseau, *Basic Political Writings*.

5. Kant I (May 22nd)

“Idea for a Universal History from a Cosmopolitan Perspective”, pp. 3-16 in Kant, *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings*.

“An Answer to the Question: What is Enlightenment?”, pp. 17-23 in Kant, *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings*.

6. Kant II (May 27th)

Toward Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch, pp. 67-109 in Kant, *Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings*.

7. Wollstonecraft (May 29th)

A Vindication of the Rights of Women, introduction and chs. 1, 2, 3 and 8, pp. 71-120, 266-83 Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman and A Vindication of the Rights of Men*.

8. Burke I (June 3rd)

Reflections on the Revolution in France, pp. 1-10, 33-38, 58-97.

9. Burke II (June 5th)

Reflections on the Revolution in France, pp. 124-133, 165-72, 245-50.

From *Letters on a Regicide Peace*, pp. 292-300 in Brown, C., Nardin, T., & Rengger, N., *International Relations in Political Thought: Texts from the Ancient Greeks to the First World War*. Cambridge University Press, 2002.

10. Hegel I (June 10th)

Elements of the Philosophy of Right: “Part Three: The Ethical Life” (ss. 142-157), “The Family” (ss. 158-181).

11. Hegel II (June 12th)

Elements of the Philosophy of Right: “The Civil Society” (ss. 182-256), and “The State and Constitutional Law” (ss. 257-320).

12. Hegel III (June 17th)

Elements of the Philosophy of Right: “External Sovereignty” (ss. 321-329), “International Law” (ss. 330-340), and “World History” (ss. 341-360).

13. Marx I (July 3rd)

Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844, section on Estranged Labour, pp. 70-82 in Marx and Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

14. Marx II (July 8th)

“Marx on the History of His Opinions”, pp. 3-6 in Marx and Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

The German Ideology: Part 1, pp. 146-200 in Marx and Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*.

15. Mill I (July 10th)

On Liberty, chs. 1-3, pp. 5-55, in Mill, *On Liberty and Other Writings*.

16. Mill II (July 15th)

Considerations on Representative Government, ch. 3., pp. 209-224 in Mill, *On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

“Civilization”, pp. 117-148 in Mill, *Collected works of John Stuart Mill, Volume. 13: Essays on politics and society*, 1977, University of Toronto Press.

“A Few Words on Non-Intervention”, pp. 205-226 in Doyle, *The Question of Intervention: John Stuart Mill and the Responsibility to Protect*. Yale University Press, 2015.

18. Nietzsche I (July 17th)

Selections from *Twilight of the Idols*, pp. 12-24 in Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*, Hackett, 1997.

On the Genealogy of Morality (Preface and First Essay).

21. Nietzsche II (July 22nd)

On the Genealogy of Morality (Second Essay).

22. Nietzsche III (July 24th)

On the Genealogy of Morality (Third Essay).

23. Afghani (July 29th)

"The Truth about the Neicheri Sect and an Explanation of the Necheris", pp. 130-74 in Al Afghani, *An Islamic Response to Imperialism*.

24. Kang Youwei (July 31st)

Da Tong Shu, pp. 61-104.

25. Chomin (August 7th)

Discourse of by Three Drunkards on Government