

POS BC 1014y: POLITICAL THEORY II  
Spring 2001 syllabus  
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Midterm (25%), final (50%), and intensive preparation for active Socratic class participation (25%). Before each meeting you will receive questions from the instructor that you will be expected to be prepared to answer if called upon during class.

READINGS:

(The least expensive editions of the books available are at Labyrinth and the Columbia Bookstore, but where “any edition” is allowed, feel free to use your own edition if you have one, even if it’s not the one the bookstores are selling. The reader will also, eventually, be available at the Columbia Bookstore.)

Locke, Letter on Toleration (Pearson)

Locke, Second Treatise of Government (any edition)

d’Alembert, Preliminary Discourse to the Encyclopedia of Diderot (University of Chicago Press)

Smith, Theory of Moral Sentiments (any edition)

Smith, The Wealth of Nations (any edition)

Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Harper Torchbook)

Rousseau, Social Contract (any edition)

Marx, Capital, vol. 1, ed. Ernest Mandel (Vintage)

Bentham, The Principles of Morals and Legislation (Hafner)

Mill, On Liberty (Hackett)

Mill, Essays on Politics and Culture, ed. Himmelfarb (Smith)

Foucault, Discipline and Punish (Vintage)

course reader

Marx, “On the Jewish Question”

Marx, “Contribution to the Critique...”

Tocqueville, Democracy in America, excerpts

Weber, “Politics as a Vocation”

Mises, “Economic Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth”

Hayek, “The Nature and History of the Problem”

Schumpeter, “Human Nature in Politics”

## SYLLABUS/SCHEDULE:

1/16: Introduction: Why care about the history of political theory?

### *THE BIRTH OF LIBERALISM*

1/18: The Wars of Religion: Jones, Allen (distributed at first session on 1/16, and available thereafter outside instructor's office)

1/23: Locke, Letter on Toleration, pages TBA

1/25: Locke, Second Treatise of Government, chs. TBA

1/30: Locke, Second Treatise of Government, chs. TBA

### *THE ENLIGHTENMENT*

2/1: d'Alembert, Preliminary Discourse to the Encyclopedia of Diderot, pages TBA

2/6: Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments, I.i.1-2; I.ii.4-5; II.ii.1-3

2/8: Smith, The Theory of Moral Sentiments, IV

Smith, The Wealth of Nations, Intro. & Plan; Bk. I, chs. I-III; Bk. IV, ch. II

2/13: Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Preface; Chs. I, II

2/15: Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Ch. III

2/20: Rousseau, Social Contract, secs. TBA

2/22: Rousseau, Social Contract, secs. TBA

2/27: Rousseau, Social Contract, secs. TBA

3/1: Marx, "On the Jewish Question" (reader)

Marx, "Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right: Introduction" (reader)

3/6: Marx, Capital, pages TBA

3/8: midterm

3/13, 3/15: SPRING BREAK

### *UTILITARIANISM*

3/20: Bentham, The Principles of Morals and Legislation, pp. 1-55, 97-107, 118-126, 170-72, 175-76, 177, 208-211, 212-13, 249-50, 309-23

3/22: Mill, "The Spirit of the Age" and "Civilization" in Essays on Politics and Culture

3/27: Mill, On Liberty, chs. 1-2

3/29: Mill, On Liberty, chs. 3-4

### *DISILLUSIONMENT*

4/3: Tocqueville, Democracy in America, selections (reader)

Mill, "Tocqueville on Democracy in America, vol. I" in Essays on Politics and Culture

4/5: Weber, "Politics as a Vocation" (reader)

4/10: Mises, "Economic Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth" (reader)

Hayek, "The Nature and History of the Problem" (reader)

4/12: Schumpeter, "Human Nature in Politics" (reader)

4/17: Foucault, Discipline and Punish (pages TBA)

4/19: Foucault, Discipline and Punish (pages TBA)

4/24: CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

4/26: cushion