

Ohio State University
Political Science 672
19th-Century Political Thought
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Overview

In this course we focus on the social and political thought of the 19th century. In particular, we will examine some of the earliest and most influential attempts to respond to the challenges posed by the decline of traditional social hierarchies and the rise of modern democratic societies. Topics of discussion will include the relationship between equality and inequality, liberty and conformity, alienation and exploitation, and morality and power.

Readings

The following books are required and should be available for purchase at the OSU bookstores:

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty* (Penguin)

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals* (Vintage)

Max Weber, *The Vocation Lectures* (Hackett)

In addition, a number of required readings have been placed on e-reserve through Carmen.

Requirements

- (1) Two papers on assigned topics, 5-6 pages (1,500-1,800 words) each:
 - 1st paper due at noon on Friday, April 25th [33%]
 - 2nd paper due at noon on Friday May 16th [33%]
- (2) In-class final examination: Thursday, June 5th, 11:30-1:18 [33%]
- (3) Class attendance and active participation

Policies and procedures

Academic honesty: It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp

Note: OSU now has a license to the Turnitin.com plagiarism prevention software, which scans student papers to determine if they contain undocumented source material. Student will be asked to submit their papers electronically to Turnitin.com, and the papers will then be forwarded to me along with an “originality report” flagging suspect passages, if any. I will give details on the procedures for submitting papers when I distribute the first assignment. More information about Turnitin.com is available at <http://turnitin.com/static/index.html>

Late work: Each student will be granted ONE extension this term on a paper of your choice, no questions asked, which entitles you to hand it in any time before class on Monday following the due date with no penalty. There is no need to tell me in advance that you are taking the extension, and no other extensions will be granted. Late essays will be penalized one full grade. Essays will not be accepted more than one week after the extension date without my approval.

Disabilities: If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, you should contact me as soon as possible to arrange an appointment where we can discuss the course format, anticipate your needs, and explore potential accommodations. I rely on the Office for Disability Services for assistance in verifying the need for accommodations and developing accommodation strategies. If you have not previously contacted the Office for Disability Services, I encourage you to do so. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307; TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu>

Schedule

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| March 24 | Introduction | |
| March 26 | Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> , selections | [e-reserve] |
| March 31 | Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> , selections | [e-reserve] |
| April 2 | Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> , selections | [e-reserve] |
| April 7 | Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> , selections | [e-reserve] |
| April 9 | Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> , chapters 1-2 | |
| April 14 | Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> , chapter 3 | |
| April 16 | Mill, <i>On Liberty</i> , chapters 4-5 | |
| April 21 | Engels, "Speech at the Graveside of Karl Marx" Marx, "On the Jewish Question," part 1 | [e-reserve] |
| April 23 | Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach," "German Ideology" selections | [e-reserve] |
| April 25 (Friday) | FIRST PAPER DUE, 12:00 pm | |
| April 28 | Marx, "Estranged Labour" Marx, "The Power of Money in Bourgeois Society" Marx, "Wage Labour & Capital" | [e-reserve] |
| April 30 | Marx & Engels, "Manifesto of the Communist Party" | [e-reserve] |
| May 5 | Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i> , Preface | |
| May 7 | Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i> , First Essay | |
| May 12 | Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i> , Second Essay | |
| May 14 | Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i> , Third Essay, sections 1, 11-28 | |
| May 16 (Friday) | SECOND PAPER DUE, 12:00 pm | |
| May 19 | Weber, "Science as a Vocation" | |
| May 21 | Weber, "Politics as a Vocation" | |
| May 26 | MEMORIAL DAY [no class] | |
| May 28 | Review | |
| June 5 (Thursday) | FINAL EXAM, 11:30 am - 1:18 pm | |