

PST

Political and Social Thought Third Year Seminar

PST 485—Fall Term, 2003
Tuesdays, 3:30—6:00 pm, Cabell 236

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Except when noted below, written responses of 500-800 words are due each week in class. Occasionally “double responses” of 1600-2000 words on two weeks of reading will be assigned. Note that late essays will be penalized: get into the habit of meeting your deadlines.

Outline of Readings and Classes

September 2: Introduction to Class and Themes

I. The Individual confronts the State:

September 9: Plato, *The Apology and the Crito*.

September 16: Sophocles, *Antigone*.
Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*.

September 23: Nadine Gordimer, *Burger's Daughter*.

II. Visions of Politics, Society, and Economics

September 30: Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (Modern Library, 1994 edition):
Introduction and Plan of the Work, pp. *lix-lxii*.
Book I, Chapters I-IX, pp. 1-110; from chapters X and XI, pp. 114-126; 135-156;
pp. 197-199; 284-288.
Book II, chapters I, III, pp. 299-310; 360-378.
Book III, chapters, I, III, IV: pp. 407-412; 426-453.
Book IV, from chapters I, II, VIII, IX: pp. 455-462; 475-488; 498-502; 715-735.
Book V, from chapter I: pp. 779-788; 819-827; 838-878.

October 7: Thomas Paine, *The Rights of Man*.
Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, excerpts to be discussed.

Fall Reading Break - no class October 14.

October 21: Robert C. Tucker, editor, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (Second edition),
“On the Jewish Question,” and “Contribution to the Critique of Hegel’s
Philosophy of Right,” pp. 16-66.
“Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844,” pp. 70-106.
The German Ideology, Part I, pp. 146-203.

October 28: *Marx-Engels Reader* (continued):
“Wage, Labour, and Capital” pp. 203-218.
From *Capital*, prefaces and chapter one of Volume I: pp. 294-329.
“Manifesto of the Communist Party,” pp. 469-501.
“The ‘Amsterdam Speech,’” pp. 522-25.
“‘Debate’ with Bakunin,” pp. 542-49.
“On British Rule in India,” pp. 653-665.

Double Response due on October 28th.

III. Liberal Dreams, Hopes, Fears.....

November 4: John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty, Considerations on Representative Government*,
chapters 2-3; 6-7.

November 11: Mill, *On the Subjection of Women*, entire.
Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*.

November 18: Martha Nussbaum, *Sex and Social Justice*, Part I.

Double response due on November 18th.

IV. And Nightmares

November 25: George Orwell, *1984*.
Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*.
Philip K. Dick, “Minority Report,” *available on website*.

December 2: Judith Shklar, *Political Thought and Political Thinkers*, chapters 1, 2,
14,18, 20.