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## Political and Social Thought Third Year Seminar

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### PST 485—Fall Term, 2005

Tuesdays, 3:30—6:00 pm, Cabell 318

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Except when noted, written responses of 500-800 words are due each week before class (please e-mail essays by Mondays at 12 noon.) Occasionally “double responses” of 1600-2000 words on two weeks of reading will be assigned. Late essays will be penalized: get into the habit of meeting your deadlines. Please consult the *PST Essay Style Sheet*, and the *Submission Protocol* documents available on the toolkit website (and sent directly to you) for matters of format and advice on substance.

### Outline of Readings and Classes

August 30: Introduction to Class and Themes

Brief assignment (no essay): L. Kolakowski, "How to be a Conservative-Liberal-Socialist: A Credo," (*website*);

George Orwell, "Politics and the English Language," (*website*).

#### I. The Individual confronts the State:

September 6: Plato, *The Apology and the Crito*.

September 13: Sophocles, *Antigone*.  
Robert Bolt, *A Man for All Seasons*.

September 20: Nadine Gordimer, *Burger's Daughter*.

#### II. Visions of Politics, Economics, and Society

September 27: 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 4: Thomas Paine, *The Rights of Man*.  
Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*, excerpts to be discussed.

*This class will be a structured debate between ‘followers’ of Burke and Paine.*

October 11: 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 18: *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 18th.*

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

October 25: John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty, Considerations on Representative Government*,  
chapters 2-3; 6-7.

November 1: Mill, *On the Subjection of Women*, entire.  
Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*.

November 8: Martha Nussbaum, *Sex and Social Justice*, Part I.

*Double response due on November 8<sup>th</sup>.*

### IV. .... And Nightmares

November 15: George Orwell, *1984*.  
Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World*.  
Philip K. Dick, “Minority Report,” *available on website*.

*Thanksgiving break: no class on November 22.*

November 29: Judith Shklar, *Political Thought and Political Thinkers*, chapters 1, 2,  
14,18, 20.