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Seminar Requirements:
2 short (4-5 page) thought papers on required and recommended readings for a chosen week
– due at the beginning of next week’s meeting
1 medium-size (15-20 page) research paper
active participation in seminar discussions

Readings:
The following books and editions are required for this seminar:


I will also make available for copying various articles and book chapters required for the course (see below).

Schedule of Sessions:
Session 1: Political Theory: the why and the how
John Rawls, “Four Roles of Political Philosophy.” In Justice as Fairness: a Restatement, 1-5.
Recommended:

Session 2: Public Morality and the State I
Aristotle, Politics Book 1, Chs. 1-7; Book VII, Chs. 1-3, 13-15; Book 3, Chs. 1-5, 6-18; Book 4, Chs. 1-9.

Recommended:

Session 3: Public Morality and the State II

Recommended:
Adam Ferguson, An Essay on the History of Civil Society, Part V, Sections III-V.

Session 4: Liberty and the Social Contract I

Recommended:
Session 5: Liberty and the Social Contract II


Recommended:

Session 6: Liberty and Toleration

John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration.*
John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty,* Chs. 2-4

Recommended:

Session 7: Rights


Recommended:

Session 8: Equality and Justice I

Jean Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality.*
Karl Marx, “The Alienated Labor” and “Critique of the Gotha Program.”
Recommended:

Session 9: **Equality and Justice II**

Recommended:

Session 10: **Equality and Justice III**

Recommended:

Session 11: **Democracy I**

Recommended:

Session 12: **Democracy II**
Jean Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*, Book 1, Chs. 6-9; Book 2; Book 3, Chs. 15-18; Book 4, Chs. 1,2.
Recommended:

Session 13: **Democracy III**

Recommended:

Session 14: **Democracy IV**
Joseph Schumpeter, “The Classical Doctrine of Democracy” and “Another Theory of Democracy” (Chs. 21 and 22 of Schumpeter’s *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*).

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