POLITICAL THEORY: COMMUNISM

Select Bibliography and Reading List

There are a great many books containing selections from the writings of Marx and Engels. The most important of these for this course are as follows:

I. McLellan, D. ed., The Thought of Karl Marx

II. Easton, L., and Guddat, K., eds., Writings of the Young Marx on Philosophy and Society

III. Selsam, H. and Martel, H., eds., Reader in Marxist Philosophy

IV. Marx/Engels: Selected Works (International, 1 vol.)

These works will be referred to as I, II, III, IV in what follows.

I have also put one star in front of the works I consider particularly important and two stars in front of those I consider essential, that is in the context of this course.

I. "SETTING THE PROBLEM: MARX'S AND OUR OWN"

A. Introductory Works

* Engels, F., Socialism: Utopian and Scientific

** Marx, K, and Engels, F. Communist Manifesto

Ollman, B., "What Is Marxism? A Bird's-Eye View" (pamphlet)

** Ollman, B., How to Take an Exam and Remake the World

Parenti, M., Democracy for a Few

Rius, Marx for Beginners
Tressell, R., *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist*

**B. Biographies**

Berlin, I., *Karl Marx* (the most literate)

McLellan, D., *Karl Marx* (the most scholarly)

Mehring, F., *Karl Marx* (the most passionate)

**C. General**

* I, Part 1

* III, Part 1

Arnold, S., *Marx's Radical Critique of Capitalist Society*

* Avineri, S., *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*

Berman, M., *Adventures in Marxism*

Cameron, K., *Marxism: The Science of Society*

Carver, T., *Marx and Engels: The Intellectual Relationship*

Eagleton, T., *Marx*

Elster, J., *An Introduction to Karl Marx*

** Fischer, E., *How to Read Karl Marx*

Gurley, F.G., *Challengers to Capitalism*

Harrington, M., *The Twilight of Capitalism*

Heilbroner, R., *Marxism: For and Against*

Hodges, D., "Engels' Contribution to Marxism", *Socialist Register, 1985*

Hook, S., *Toward an Understanding of Karl Marx*

Lichtheim, G., *Marxism*

** Mandel, E., *The Place of Marxism in History*
Ollman, B., and Vernoff, E., eds., *The Left Academy: Marxist Scholarship on American Campuses*, vol. I

* Suchting, W., *Marx*

* Williams, W.A., *The Great Evasion*

Wilson, E., *To the Finland Station*

2. "The Philosophical Underpinnings of Marx's Solution: Materialism and Dialectics"

* Engels, F., *Anti-Duhring*

* Marx, K., "Critical Battle Against French Materialism", *Holy Family* (II)

* Marx, K., "Theses on Feuerbach", (II, IV)

* Marx, K., "Critique of the Hegelian Philosophy", *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844* (II)

* III, Parts 2-5

Althusser, L., *For Marx*

Ash, W., *Marxism and Moral Concepts*

Bhaskar, R., *Dialectic: The Pulse of Freedom*

Dunayevskaya, R., *Marxism and Freedom*

Dupre, L., *The Philosophical Foundations of Marxism*

Gollobin, I., *Dialectic Materialism*

Gould, C., *Marx's Social Ontology*


Hook, S., *From Hegel to Marx*

Hyppolite, J., *Studies on Marx and Hegel*
Ilyenkov, E.V., *Dialectic Logic*

Israel, J., *The Language of Dialectics*


Kleinbach, R.L., *Marx via Process*

Kolowski, L., *Main Currents of Marxism*, vol I

* Korsch, K., *Marxism and Philosophy*

* Kosik, K., *Dialectics of the Concrete*

** Lukacs, G., *History and Class Consciousness*, Chap 1

Mao Tse Tung, *Four Essays on Philosophy*

** Marcuse, H., *Reason and Revolution*

Meikle, S., *Essentialism in the Thought of Karl Marx*


** Ollman, B., *Alienation: Marx's Conception of Man in Capitalist Society*, Part I and Appendixes I and II

** Ollman, B., *Dialectical Investigations*, Chaps. 1 and 2

Rees, J., *The Algebra of Revolution: The Dialectic and the Classical Marxist Tradition*

Popper, K., *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, vol. II

Reuben, D.-H., *Marxism and Materialism*

Sayers, D., *The Violence of Abstraction*


Timpanaro, S., *On Materialism*

Wood, A., *Karl Marx*

Zeleny, J., *The Logic of Marx*

* Marx, K., *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844*

* Marx, K., *Capital*, Part I, Section 4

* I, Part 2

* III, Part 7

Aptdeker, H., ed. *Marxism and Alienation*

Foster, J.B., *Marx’s Ecology: Materialism and Nature*

Fromm, E., *Marx’s Conception of Man*, Introduction

** Geras, N., *Marx and Human Nature*

Heller, A., *The Theory of Need in Marx*

* Israel, J., *Alienation from Marx to Modern Sociology*

Kamenka, E., *The Ethical Foundations of Marxism*

* Lefebvre, H., *Critique of Everyday Life*

* Marcuse, H., *One-Dimensional Man*

** Meszaros, I., *Marx’s Theory of Alienation*

** Ollman, B. *Alienation*, Chaps. 7-23, and 29

Ollman, B., *Class Struggle Is The Name of the Game: True Confessions of a Marxist Businessman*

O’Malley, J., "History and Man’s Nature in Marx", in *Marx’s Socialism*, ed. By S. Avineri

Peffer, R., *Marxism and Ethics*

* Petrovich, G. *Marx in the Mid-20th Century*, Part 2
4. "Political Economy of Capitalism: From Value and Accumulation of Capital to Fetishism and Crisis"

** Marx, K., "Wage Labor and Capitol", IV
** Marx, K., "Wages, Price and Profit", IV
* Marx, K., Grundrisse, ed. by D. McLellan
* Marx, K., Capital I, Parts 1-7

Althusser, L., Reading Capital

Arthur, C., The Dialectics of Labor

Bohm-Bawerk, L. von, Karl Marx and the Close of His System

Cleaver, H. Reading Capital Politically

Dobb, M., Theories of Value and Distribution Since Adam Smith

Dunayevskaya, R., Marxism and Freedom

Fine, B., Marx’s Capitalism

Gottheil, F., Marx’s Economic Predictions

Harrington, M., Socialism, Chapter 5

* Harvey, D., The Limits of Capital
Howard, M.C., and King, J.E., *The Political Economy of Marx*

* Mandel, E., *The Formation of Marx's Economic Thought*

** Mandel, E., *Introduction to Marx's Economics*

Mandel, E., *Late Capitalism*

Mattick, P., *Marx and Keynes*

Meek, R.L., *Studies in the Labor Theory of Value*


** Ollman, B., *Alienation*, Chapters 24-28

Robinson, J., *An Essay on Marxian Economics*


Rosdolsky, R., *The Making of Marx's Capital*

* Rubel, M., *Rubel on Marx*, Chapters 3 and 4


Sekine, T., *An Outline of the Dialectics of Capital*

* Smith, T., *The Logic of Marx's Capital*

* Suchting, W., *Marx*, Part 3

** Sweezy, P., *The Theory of Capitalist Development*

Waton, P., and Gamble, A., *From Alienation to Surplus Value*

5. "Is Democracy Compatible with Class Dictatorship? State and Politics in Modern Capitalism, Capitalism and Class Societies"
* Engels, F., *Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State*

Marx, K., *Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of the State*, ed. by J. O'Malley (also introduced by O'Malley)

* I, Part 2

Althusser, L., "Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses", *Lenin and Philosophy*

Beirne, P., and Sharlet, R., *Pashukanis: Selected Writings on Marxism and Law*

Blackburn, R., ed., *Ideologies in the Social Sciences*

Carnoy, M., *The State and Political Theory*

Corrigan, P., *Capitalism, State Formation and Political Theory*


* Gilbert, A., *Marx’s Politics*


Habermas, J., *Legitimation Problems in Late Capitalism*

Hook, S., *Toward an Understanding Of Karl Marx*, Chapters 17-19


Larrain, J., *Marxism and Ideology*

* Lefebvre, H., *The Sociology of Marx*

Lichtman, R., *Marx's Theory of Ideology and Other Essays*

* Lenin, V.L., *State and Revolution*

Mezsaros, I., *The Power of Ideology*

Miliband, R., *The State in Capitalist Theory*

** Miliband, R., *Marxism and Politics*

Miliband, R., *Divided Societies: Class Struggle in Contemporary Capitalism*
** Milliband, R., and Poulantzas, N., "The Problem of the Capitalist State", Ideology and Social Science, ed. by R. Blackburn

Moore, S., The Critique of Capitalist Democracy

** Nimtz, A.N., Marx and Engels, Their Contribution to the Democratic Breakthrough

O'Connor, J., The Fiscal Crisis of The State

** Ollman, B., Alienation, Chapters 29-32

** Ollman, B., Dialectic Investigations Chaps. 3-5

Ollman, B., and Birnbaum, J., eds. The US Constitution: 200 Years of Criticism

* Ollman, B., "What is Political Science? What Should It Be?" New Political Science (December 2000)


* Parenti, M., Democracy for a Few

* Poulantzas, N., Political Power and Social Class

Renner, K., The Institution of Private Laws and Their Social Function

Thomas, P., Karl Marx and the Anarchists

Thomas, P., Alien Politics

Wright, E.O., Class, Crisis, and the State

6. "The History of Modern Capitalism, Capitalism and Class Societies: The Dialectical Relationship Between 'Base' and 'Superstructure'"

* Marx, K., "The 18th of Brumaire", IV

* Marx, K., "Civil War in France", IV
* Marx, K., "Class Struggle in France", IV

** Marx, K., Capital, Part 8

** Marx, K., and Engels, F., German Ideology, Parts 1 and 3

** II, Parts 6 and 7

Anderson, P., In the Tracks of Historical Materialism

Aronowitz, S., The Crisis in Historical Materialism

Bober, M.M., Karl Marx's Interpretation of History

Bukharin, N., Historical Materialism

** Cohen, G.A., Marx's Theory of History: A Defense

Cole, G.D.H., The Meaning of Marxism

* Dobb, M., ed., The Transformation from Feudalism to Capitalism

Eagleton, T., Ideology

* Farraro, J., Freedom and Determinism in History According to Marx and Engels

Fleischer, H., Marxism and History

Gandy, D.R., Marx and History

Giddens, A., A Contemporary Critique of Historical Materialism

* Jakubowski, R., Ideological Superstructures in the Materialist Conception of History

Korsch, K., Karl Marx

Labriola, A., Essays on the Materialist Conception of History

** Lefebvre, H., Historical Materialism

MacPherson, C.B., The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism

McLellan, D., Ideology

McMurty, J., The Structure of Marx's World View
Mehring, F., *On Historical Materialism*

Meszaros, I., *The Power of Ideology*

** Ollman, B., "Marx's Use of 'Class'", *Social and Sexual Revolution: Essays on Marx and Reich*

** Ollman, B., *Alienation*, Chapters 29-32

** Ollman, B., *Dialectical Investigations*, Chapters 6-8

Plekhanov, H., *The Role of The Individual in History*

** Rader, M., *Marx's Materialist Interpretation of History*

Schmidt, A., *History and Structure*

Torrance, J., *Ideology*

* Wood, E., *Democracy Against Capitalism: Renewing Historical Materialism*

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** Marx, K., "Critique of the Gotha Program", IV

* I, Part 2, Chapter 8


Afanasyev, V., *Socialism and Communism*

Bebel, A., *Society of the Future*

Block, E., *The Principle of Hope*

Duncan, G., *Marx and Mill*, Chapter 5

* Ehrenberg, J., *The Dictatorship of the Proletariat: Marx's Theory of Socialist Democracy*

* Lenin, V.V., *State and Revolution*


* Meszaros, I., *Beyond Capital: Towards a Theory of Transition*

Moore, S., *Marx on the Choice Between Socialism and Communism*

Nove, A., *The Economics of Feasible Socialism*

** Ollman, B., *Alienation*, Chapters 7-17 and 33

** Ollman, B., "Marx's Vision of Communism", *Social and Sexual Revolution*

** Ollman, B., ed. and co-author, *Market Socialism: The Debate Among Socialists*


Stephen, J.D., *The Transition from Capitalism to Socialism*

Tucker, R., *The Marxian Revolutionary Idea*

* Van den Berg, A., *The Immanent Utopia: From Marxism on the State to the State of Marxism*


* I, Part 2, Chapters 5 and 7

* Padover, S., ed., *Karl Marx on Revolution*, Part I

Avineri, S., *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*, Chapter 5


Eyerman, R., *False Consciousness and Ideology in Marx's Theory*

Fromm, E., *Escape from Freedom*


* Lenin, V.L., *What Is To Be Done?*

* Lukacs, G., *History and Class Consciousness*, Chapter 3

** Luxembourg, R., *Reform or Revolution*


Molyneux, J. *Marx and the Party*

** Ollman, B., *Alienation*, Chapters 17, 29, and 33

** Ollman, B., *Social and Sexual Revolution*, Chapters 1, 6 and 7

** Ollman, B., *Dialectical Investigations*, Chapter 9

Reich, W., "What is 'Class Consciousness'?'* Sex-Pol*, ed. by L. Baxendall

Reich, W., *Mass Psychology of Fascism*

Rosen, M., *On Voluntary Servitude*

* Sherover, Marcuse, E., *Emancipation and Consciousness*