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Gov: 1061: Modern Political Philosophy
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Syllabus

Readings: The books for Gov. 1061 are on order at the COOP. They are also readily available at other bookstores, and they are on reserve at Lamont.

Requirements: There will be two take-home exams and a final exam. The first take-home will be distributed on March 4 and is due in class on March 11. The second will be distributed on April 15 and is due in class on April 22. Attendance at discussion section is mandatory; your performance in section will count for 20% of your grade.

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| Feb 3 | <u>Introduction</u> : The Anchored Book, the Needy Reader, the Eternal Truth and the Jumping Universe |
| Feb 8 | <u>Machiavelli</u> : The Mirror of Princes, or Learning How Not to be Good
Reading: <i>The Prince</i> |
| Feb 10 | <u>Machiavelli</u> : The Problem of "Dirty Hands"
Reading: <i>Discourses</i> , I, 34-5, 49; Book III, Ch. 1, 3 |
| Feb 15 | <u>Machiavelli</u> : The Prince and the Republic: Civic Virtue and Reason of State
Reading: <i>The Discourses</i> , Book I, Introduction, Ch. 1-12, 16-18, 25-6, 29; Book II, Ch. 2; Book III, Ch. 9, 25-6, |
| Feb 17 | <u>Hobbes</u> : "The Passion to be Reckoned with is Fear"
Reading: <i>Leviathan</i> , Part I, Introduction, Ch. 1-15 |
| Feb 22 | <u>Hobbes</u> : Political Representation: Authorizing and Alienating
Reading: <i>Leviathan</i> , Part I, Ch. 16; Part II, Ch. 17-21, 29 |
| Feb 24 | <u>Hobbes</u> : Legalism: The Office of the Sovereign Representative
Reading: <i>Leviathan</i> , Part II, Ch. 22-31 |
| March 1 | <u>Locke</u> : Life, Liberty, and Property: Is Liberalism a Class Act?
Reading: <i>Second Treatise</i> , Ch. 1-5, 7-10 |
| March 3 | <u>Locke</u> : Slavery: Real and By Analogy |

- Reading: *Second Treatise*, Ch. 6-7, 15
- March 8 Locke: Liberal Revolution: Who Judges?
Reading: *Second Treatise*, Ch. 11, 16-19
- March 10 Burke: Political Conservatism: “An Entailed Inheritance”
Reading: *Reflections on the Revolution* Part I (Ch. I, 1; II, 2-3; III; IV, 1, 4; V, 3; VI; VII, 2; IX, 1-2); Part II (Ch. I, 1-2)
- March 15 Paine: Political Radicalism: “The Earth Belongs to the Living”
Reading: *Common Sense*; *Rights of Man*, Part I, pp. 51-64; 70-1; 78-95;
139-43
- March 17 Rousseau: “The Apostle of Affliction”
Reading: *Discourse on The Origin of Inequality*
- March 22 Rousseau: Men vs. Citizens: Two Ways to be Good
Reading: *The Social Contract*, Books I and II
- March 24 Rousseau: The General Will: Where do Citizens Come From?
Reading: *The Social Contract*, Books III and IV
- April 5 Kant: Natural and Moral Man in History
Reading: *Idea for a Universal History*; *What is Enlightenment?*
- April 7 Kant: Cosmopolitanism and Perpetual Peace
Reading: *Perpetual Peace*
- April 12 Hegel: Philosophy of History
Reading: *Philosophy of History*, Introduction, The Greek World (Sections 1 and 2)
- April 14 Hegel: Empty Kant: Civil Society and the Ethical State
Reading: *Philosophy of History*, The Modern Time
- April 19 Marx: Class Struggle and Revolutionary Morality
Reading: *The Communist Manifesto* and *Critique of the Gotha Program*
- April 21 Marx: Labor and Justice
Reading: *The German Ideology*; *Capital* (pp. 232-38; 272-85)
- April 26 Mill: Subjection: Real and by Analogy
Reading: *The Subjection of Women*
- April 28 Mill: Arguments for Liberty
Reading: *On Liberty*

- May 3 Nietzsche: History for Life
Reading: *The Use and Abuse of History for Life*
- May 5 Nietzsche: Genealogy of Morals
Reading: *Beyond Good and Evil*, Part 5; Part 8; Part 9