History 608: Graduate Colloquium in European Intellectual History  
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Mondays 3-5:50, McKenzie 375  
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Course requirements:  
1. Regular attendance, careful reading, participation in discussions  
2. Two papers, 8-10 pages each, assessing one of the figures in light of the secondary reading  
   one drawn from weeks 1-5, due by week 7  
   one drawn from weeks 6-10, due during finals week  
3. One class presentation proposing the major issues to be discussed for the week’s readings.  
   (Where applicable, refer to earlier issues and readings.)

Note: we will discuss secondary readings the week after the figure they’re associated with

1. Week 1: Adam Smith: The Virtues of Commercial Society  
   • *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (1776)  
     Introduction and Plan of the Work  
     Book I: Chs. I - X; Ch. XI, “Conclusion of the Chapter”  
     Book II: Introduction; Chs. I, III  
     Book III: entire  
     Book IV: Introduction; Ch. I, § 1-10, 35-45; Ch. II, § 1-15  
     Book V: Ch. I, part II, § 1-15; part III, § 1-2 and first 8 §s of Article I  
   • *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (1759)  
     Part I, Section I, Ch. 1, “Of Sympathy”  
     Part I, Section III, Chs. II, II  
     Part II, Section II, Ch. 3  
     Part III, Chs. I, IV  
     Part IV, Chs. I, II  
     Part VI, Section I  
   • Albert O. Hirschmann, *The Passions and the Interests: Political Arguments for Capitalism before Its Triumph* (will be discussed during week 2; see above)

2. Week 2: Alexis de Tocqueville: The Possibilities of Post-aristocratic Politics  
   • *Democracy in America*, “Author’s Introduction”  
   • *The Old Regime and the French Revolution*, entire

3. Week 3: John Stuart Mill: Questioning Liberty
• “Civilization” (will be distributed) (1836)
• On Liberty (selections)
• The Subjection of Women (selections)

4. Week 4: Karl Marx: Alienation, the Materialist Conception of History, and Capitalism

presumes a knowledge of the “Manifesto of the Communist Party” (1848)

• “On the Jewish Question” (1843)
• The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte, selections
• Capital, vol. 1, selections

5. Week 5: Max Weber: Rationalization and the Disenchanting of the World

• The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
• “Politics as a Vocation”
• “Science as a Vocation”

6. Week 6: Emile Durkheim: The Fabric of Social Solidarity

• The Division of Labor in Society (selections)
• The Elementary Forms of Religious Life (selections)

7. Week 7: Sigmund Freud: Sexuality, the Unconscious, and Civilization

• Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis
• Civilization and Its Discontents

8. Week 8: Simone de Beauvoir: Gender and Freedom

• The Second Sex

9. Week 9: Jürgen Habermas: The Unfinished Project of Modernity

• The Theory of Communicative Action

10. Week 10: Michel Foucault: Disciplinary Society

• Discipline and Punish

• Foucault-Habermas exchanges