Section: American and Comparative Politics

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The History of Socialism

Globalization

The following books are required:

Required Texts:

We begin with the main outlines of socialist ideas. The course will provide a comprehensive and chronological introduction. It will trace the history and variety of socialism thought from the 19th century to the present. Even in a common phrase, the "other world is possible," Europe is not a clear alternative to capitalism. Western capitalism rests on a society of alienation and exploitation. It is not

In this era of "globalization" we are often told in solemn and dismissive tones that

Exceptions from longer works.

Other readings (preceded by an asterisk in the course schedule) will be available:

Simone Weil, *Oppression and Liberty*
Robert Tucker, ed., *The Marx-Engels Reader*
William Morris, *News From Nowhere, and Other Writings*
Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*
Drug of Papers #1 Due

Marx-Engels Reader, 70-93
January 4 - Marx, "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts", pp. 47-65

Introduction, Marx-Engels Reader, 12-15, 53-65

February 2 - Marx, "For a Ruthless Criticism of Everything Existing", and

January 31 -- DuBois, Paths in Utopia, chaps. 5-7

Week 3

January 28 -- Buber, Paths in Utopia, chaps. 1-4

Week 2


January 24 -- *Thomas More, Utopia

Week 1

January 19 - Introduction

Course Schedule

Course Requirements and Grading

The paper will make up 20% of your final grade.

Your final grade will be based on a number of factors, including your participation in class discussions, your ability to contribute to the debate, and your ability to understand and analyze the primary readings. Your grade will be determined by a combination of your participation in class discussions, your ability to contribute to the debate, and your ability to understand and analyze the primary readings. Your grade will be based on a number of factors, including your participation in class discussions, your ability to contribute to the debate, and your ability to understand and analyze the primary readings.
March 7 - March 11 SPRING RECESS

March 4 -- German, "Americanism and Bolshevism" from Prison Notebooks

March 2 -- Lenin, "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism"

February 28 -- Luxembourg. The Russian Revolution

Week 7

February 25 -- Trotsky, "The Revolution Begun"

February 23 -- Lenin, "The State and Revolution"

in Marx-Engels Reader, 734-735.

February 21 - Engels, "The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State"

Week 6

in Marx-Engels Reader, 403-417, 431-438

"The So-Called Primitive Accumulation" from Capital.

February 18 - Marx, "Mechanics and Modern Industry" and

in Marx-Engels Reader, 319-329

February 16 - Marx, "The Foundation of Commodities" from Capital.

February 14 - Marx, "Commodities" from Capital in Marx-Engels Reader, 302-319

Week 5

Paper #1 Due

in Marx-Engels Reader, 473-500

February 11 - Marx, "The Communist Manifesto"

in Marx-Engels Reader, 143-145, 172-175

February 9 - Marx, "Theses on Feuerbach" and parts of "The German Ideology"

in Marx-Engels Reader, 101-109

Week 4
April 8 - We'll, "Friedemann, London 1943", in Oppression and Liberty

April 6 - We'll, "Skeel, on Commodity Social Life", in Oppression and Liberty

April 4 - We'll, "Theoretical Plural of a Free Society", in Oppression and Liberty

Week II

May 1 - We'll, "Reactions Concerning the Causes of Liberty and Social Oppression"

March 30 - Christian Socialism, 1870-1914 - Lecture

March 28 - Easter RECESS

Week I

March 25 - Easter RECESS

May 2 - Draft of Paper #2 Due

March 23 - Morris, News from Nowhere, chaps. 12-21

March 21 - Morris, News from Nowhere, chaps. 1-11

Week 9

March 18 - Morris, "Useful Work versus Leisure Tolll"

March 16 - Benjamin, "The Arcades Project"

March 14 - "Adorno, "The Culture Industry Reconsidered"

Week 8
Your final paper will be due sometime during exam week.

**Week 12**
April 11 - Franz Fanon, "The Pillars of Négritude, Consciousness"

**Week 13**
April 12 - Herbert Marcuse, "An Essay on Liberation"

**Week 14**
April 13 - Che Guevara, Speech to the Organization of American States, 1962

**Week 15**
April 14 - *Sheila Ronaldson, Human's Consciousness. Man's World

**Week 15**
April 20 - "Flexible Accumulation,"

**Week 15**
April 22 - *David Harvey

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**Week 16**
May 2 - *Albert Pucks in Cheops, chap. 10, Epilogue

**Week 16**
May 3 - *Terry Eagleton, After Theory

**Week 16**
May 4 - *John Milbank, "Socialism of the City, Socialism by Grace,”

**Week 16**
April 27 - *Fredric Jameson, "Postmodernism, Or The Cultural Logic

**Week 15**
April 25 - *Susan Willis, "Working Our, From A Primer For Daily Life

**Week 14**
April 18 - *Juliet Mitchell, "Women: The Longer Revolution,”

**Week 13**
April 17 - New Left Review (1966)

**Week 14**
April 20 - "Sheila Ronaldson, Human's Consciousness. Man's World

**Week 14**
April 22 - *David Harvey, "Flexible Accumulation,"