

**ICS Calendar Title:** The Rational Individual and the Social Contract: Hobbes and Locke, Rousseau and Marx

**ICS Course Code:** ICS 220607 W11

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### **Course Description**

The notion that society is based on a fundamental pact or contract among autonomous individuals, or on rational agreement, is a very old idea in political philosophy, developed especially powerfully in early modern philosophy. It has had a significant impact on existing laws and political institutions, such that we live out its accomplishments in our political arena every day. This impact, however, has been both positive and negative. In this course we will look at the way this idea is developed and challenged by a number of classical authors: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Marx.

### **Course Materials**

Thomas Hobbes, [Leviathan](#). Oxford: B. Blackwell, 1960. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC153 .H65 1960]

John Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*; [Two Treatises of Government](#) Oxford: B. Blackwell, 1966. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC153 .L85]

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality; On the Social Contract*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1983. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC179 .R813 2009 ; Robarts Library: JC179 .R7 1983]

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, [The Marx-Engels Reader](#). New York: W.W.Norton, 1972. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HX39.5 .A225]

### **Course Requirements**

*Class Participation:* 15%

Each course member is required to do the reading assignment and participate in class discussions. Good participation should be mindful of the participation and contributions of others.

*Presentations:* 25%

Each course participant will give one presentation on course readings.

*Final Paper:* 60%

A 100-500 word abstract of the paper is due on April 5. A final draft of the paper is due on May 12, one month after the end of class. I encourage you to hand in earlier drafts of the paper in order to get feedback from me.

### **Recommended Readings**

Shlomo, Avineri, *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*. London: Cambridge University Press, 1968. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HX39.5 .A853]

Christopher Bertram, *Rousseau and the Social Contract*. London: Routledge, 2004. [St. Michael's College Library: JC179 .R88 B48 2004 ]

Allen Buchanan, *Marx and Justice: the Radical Critique of Liberalism*. Totawa, N.J.: Rowman & Littlefield, 1982. [Robarts Library: HX39.5 .B79]

Terrell Carver, Ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Marx*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991. [Robarts Library: B3305 .M74 C35 1991]

Vere Chappell, *The Cambridge Companion to Locke*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994. [Robarts Library: B1297 .C29 1994]

Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*. New York: Vintage Books, 1995. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HV8666 .F6813 1995]

J. Hampton, *Hobbes and the Social Contract Tradition*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986. [Robarts Library: JC153 .H66 H36 1986]

G.W.F. Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*. Mineola, N.Y.: Dover Publications, 2005. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: K230 .H43 G7813 2005]

Immanuel Kant, *The Metaphysics of Morals*. New York: Macmillan, 1985. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2766 .E5 B4 1985]

\_\_\_\_\_. *Political Writings*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC181 .K295]

C.B. Macpherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1964. [St. Michael's College Library: JC153 .M2]

Paul Marshall, *A Kind of Life Imposed on Man: Vocation and Social Order from Tyndale to Locke*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1996. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BV4740 .M36]

A.P. Martinich, *The Two Gods of Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on Religion and Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992. [Robarts Library: JC153 .H659 M37 1992]

Charles W. Mills, *The Racial Contract*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1997. [Robarts Library: HT1523 .M56 1997X]

Carole Pateman, *The Sexual Contract*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1988. [Robarts Library: HQ1206 .P35 1988]

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1971. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC578 .R38]

J.B. Schneewind, *The Invention of Autonomy: History of Modern Moral Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998. [Robarts Library: BJ301 .S35 1998X]

T. Sorell, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Hobbes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996. [Robarts Library: B1247 .C26 1996X]

Gopal Screenivasan, *The Limits of Lockean Rights in Property*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995. [Robarts Library: JC153 .L87 S744 1995]

Richard Tuck, *Hobbes*. London: Oxford University Press, 1989. [Robarts Library: B1247 .T8 1989]

\_\_\_\_\_. *Natural Rights Theories: Their Origin and Development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1979. [Robarts Library: K415 .T83]

James Tully, *An Approach to Political Philosophy: Locke in Contexts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993. [Robarts Library: JC153 .L87 T837 1993]

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *John Locke and the Ethics of Belief*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B1298 .R4 W65]

\_\_\_\_\_. *Justice: Rights and Wrongs*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2008. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BR115 .J8 W65 2008]

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Teachings of Modern Christianity on Law, Politics, and Human Nature*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006- [Robarts Library: BR115 .L28 T43 2006 v.1-2]

Michael Zukert, *Natural Rights and the New Republicanism*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1994. [Robarts Library: JC571 .Z83 1994]

# Course Schedule

January 11: Introduction

January 18: Hobbes

January 25: Hobbes

February 1: Hobbes

February 8: Locke

February 15: Locke

February 22: NO CLASS: Reading Break

March 1: Locke

March 8: Rousseau

March 15: Rousseau

March 22: Rousseau

March 29: Marx

April 5: Marx. Submit abstract of research paper

April 12: Marx

May 12: Submit final draft of research paper