CC 203: Foundations of the Social Sciences

Fall 2002
Thursday, 12:30-2:00
SMG 105

Faculty

Debra Candreva (Core) MWF 12-1, GCB 206; T Th 11-12:30, STH B20
Aaron Garrett (Philosophy) T Th 2-3:30, MUG 203
Kenneth Haynes (Classics/Editorial Institute) MWF 3-4, CAS B18
James Johnson (History) MWF 10-11, MUG 205
Stephen Kalberg (Sociology) T Th 9:30-11, CAS 318
David Swartz (Sociology) T Th 3:30-5, CAS B06B

Foundations of the Social Sciences explores the origins of the social sciences in the early-modern period, Enlightenment, and nineteenth century. It looks at some of the most penetrating and influential commentators on social forces, thinkers whose analyses of politics, economics, class, and religion have shaped contemporary ideas about the structures of society. Themes of the course will include political systems, the promise and perils of democracy, economic justice, and the social impact of religion.

Grades will be determined by your seminar professor. They will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and class participation, based on the following proportions:

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Midterm and Final Examinations will be set by the faculty as a whole and given on the dates listed below. Examinations will be based on the lectures, seminars, and readings. Attendance at all lectures is required and is essential for success on exams and in the course.

The Core Writing Center is available for help throughout the semester. Writing Tutors are graduate and undergraduate students who have been trained in grammar and compositional skills and are familiar with the works read in the Core. To make an appointment with a tutor, stop by the Core Office (CAS 119) or call 353-5404. Tutors’ offices are in the Core Office.

Academic Conduct: We expect the work you perform in this course to be your own. Presenting the work of someone else as your own is plagiarism, and it will be punished by an F for the assignment and possibly for the course as well, with possible further sanctions by the University Academic Conduct Committee. Please familiarize yourself with the Academic Conduct Code to know exactly what constitutes plagiarism.

Required Texts are available at the Boston University Bookstore:

Emile Durkheim - (to be announced)

**Schedule of Lectures and Examinations**

Week 1 (September 5) Hobbes, *Leviathan* (pp. 1-27, 57-63, 74-100, 106-46)
Lecturer: Professor James Johnson

Week 2 (September 12) Rousseau, *Second Discourse*
Lecturer: Professor Kenneth Haynes

Week 3 (September 19) Locke, *Second Treatise*
Lecturer: Professor Debra Candreva

Week 4 (September 26) Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (pp. 9-91, 109-13, 117, 130-39, 171-78, 262-64)
Lecturer: Professor Aaron Garrett

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Week 6 (October 10) Ibn Khaldun, *Muqaddimah* (pp. 33-44, 91-166, 232-61)
Lecturer: Professor Houchang Chahabi

Week 7 (October 17) Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (pp. 1-15, 73-168)
Lecturer: Professor Charles Lindholm

Week 8 (October 24) **Exam**
Seminars: Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (pp. 169-95, 201-14, 224-28, 248-58, 281-319)

Week 9 (October 31) Marx, selections from *Marx/Engels Reader* (pp. 3-6, 70-81, 143-200)
Lecturer: Professor Adam Seligman

Week 10 (November 7) Marx, selections from *Marx/Engels Reader* (pp. 222-26, 291-2, 302-29, 344-61, 373-76, 388-403, 469-561)
Lecturer: Professor James Johnson

Lecturer: Professor Steven Kalberg

Week 12 (November 21) Weber, from *Essays in Sociology* (pp. 129-56, 267-301)
Lecturer: Professor Steven Kalberg

Week 13 - Thanksgiving Break
Seminars: Durkheim (readings to be announced)

Week 14 - (December 5) Durkheim (readings to be announced)
Lecturer: Professor David Swartz

**Final Exam:** December 18, 12:30-2:30 p.m.