CC 203: Foundations of the Social Sciences (Fall, 2003)

Faculty

Thomas Barfield (Anthropology) T Th 2-3:30, SOC B-57
Thomas Glick (History) T Th 2-3:30, CAS B06-B
James Johnson (History) MWF 10-11, CAS 323-A
Edvard Lorkovic (Core) MWF 1-2, CAS 322
Parker Shipton (Anthropology) T Th 11-12:30, SSW 416
David Swartz (Sociology) MWF 11-12, GCB 204
Jon Westling (History) T Th 9:30-11, CAS 221

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. The Boston University Academic Conduct Code describes plagiarism as including each of the following: “copying the answers of another student on an examination, copying or substantially restating the work of another person or persons in any oral or written work without citing the appropriate source, and collaboration with someone else in an academic endeavor without acknowledging his or her contribution” (p. 2). A more detailed discussion with examples appears on pp. 9-14 of the Code. It is your responsibility to read these pages carefully and know exactly what constitutes plagiarism.

Required Texts are available at the Boston University Bookstore:

Adam Smith, Theory of Moral Sentiments (Indianapolis: Liberty Press, 1984)
Emile Durkheim - Suicide (New York: The Free Press, 1997)

**Schedule of Lectures and Examinations** (Thursdays 12:30-2:00, SMG 105)

Week 1 (September 4) Hobbes, *Leviathan* (pp. 1-27, 57-63, 74-100, 106-46)
Lecturer: Professor James Johnson

Week 2 (September 11) Locke, *Second Treatise*
Lecturer: Professor James Schmidt

Week 3 (September 18) Rousseau, *Second Discourse*
Lecturer: Professor Parker Shipton

Week 4 (September 25) Ibn Khaldun, *Muqaddimah* (pp. 33-44, 91-166, 232-61)
Lecturer: Professor Thomas Barfield

Week 5 (October 2) 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 7 (October 16) **Midterm Exam**
Seminar Reading: Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (pp. 1-15, 73-168)

Week 8 (October 23) Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (pp. 169-95, 201-14, 224-28, 248-58, 281-319)
Lecturer: Professor Thomas Glick

Week 9 (October 30) Marx, selections from *Marx/Engels Reader* (pp. 3-6, 143-45, 222-26, 291-2, 319-21, 469-500)
Lecturer: Professor James Johnson

Lecturer: Professor Steven Kalberg

Lecturer: Professor David Swartz

Week 12 (November 20) Van Gennep, *The Rites of Passage*
Lecturer to be announced

Week 13 - Thanksgiving Break

Week 14 - (December 4) Mauss, *The Gift*
Lecturer: Professor Parker Shipton

Week 15 - (December 11) Conclusion and review

**Final Exam:** To be announced