CC203: Foundations of the Social Sciences

Fall 2004
Tuesday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
School of Management Auditorium

Faculty:
Aaron Garrett - Dept. of Philosophy (CAS 538, MWF 3-4)
Thomas Glick - Dept. of History (CAS 323A, Tu Th 2-3:30)
James Johnson - Dept. of History, Core (CAS 216, MWF 10-11)
Stephen Kalberg - Dept. of Sociology (CAS 221, Tu Th 9:30-11)
Bernard Prusak - Core (CAS 114B, MWF 1-2)
Parker Shipton - Dept. of Anthropology (CAS 323A, Tu Th 11-12:30)
David Swartz - Dept. of Sociology (CAS 212, MWF 9-10)
Jon Westling - Dept. of History, Core (CAS 116, MWF 2-3)

Foundations of the Social Sciences explores the origins of the social sciences from the early-modern period to the early twentieth century. Over the course of the semester we will examine works by a number of penetrating thinkers who have shaped contemporary ideas on politics, class relationships, economics, and religion. Themes will include social contract theory, the nature of democracy, the search for economic justice, and the religious and psychological origins of the modern West.

Grades will be determined by your seminar leader. They will be based on a combination of written work, examinations, and class participation. The final exam will count for 25%, the remaining proportions will be determined by your seminar leader. The entire CC203 faculty will create the final exam, which will include questions based on lectures, seminar discussions, and readings. Attendance at all lectures is required and is essential for success 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 we 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.

We expect that the work on which you are evaluated is your own. Taking credit for someone else’s work, in any way, shape, or form is plagiarism, and will be punished by an F for the assignment; more severe sanctions by the University Academic Conduct Committee are possible. The Boston University 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 academic endeavor without acknowledging his or her contribution” (pp. 1-2). A more detailed discussion with examples appears on pp. 10-14 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:
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Hackett)
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *A Discourse on the Origin of Inequality* (Everyman)
John Locke, *Second Treatise on Government* (Hackett)
Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* (Liberty)
Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (Liberty)
Montesquieu, *Selected Political Writings* (Hackett)
Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (Hackett)

**Schedule of Lectures and Readings**

**Thursday, 9/9/04** - Thomas Hobbes (1588-1683)
Reading: *Leviathan*, pp. 1-27, 57-63, 74-146
Lecturer: Richard Tuck (Dept. of Government, Harvard University)

**Thursday, 9/16** - John Locke (1632-1704)
Reading: *Second Treatise on Government*, pp. 5-124
Lecturer: Aaron Garrett

**Thursday, 9/23** - Charles de Secondat, Baron de la Brède et de Montesquieu (1689-1755)
Reading: *Selected Political Writings*, from *Persian Letters*, pp.55-83; from *The Spirit of the Laws* 106-181, 194-213, 218-228
Lecturer: Jon Westling

**Thursday, 9/30** - Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778)
Reading: *A Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*, pp. 33-117
Lecturer: Parker Shipton

**Thursday, 10/7** - Adam Smith (1723-90) - I
Lecturer: Ian Simpson-Ross (Emeritus Professor of English, University of British Columbia)

**NOTE LECTURE LOCATION: GSU CONFERENCE AUDITORIUM (2nd floor, at the back of the lounge)**

**Thursday, 10/14** - Adam Smith - II
Lecturer: Aaron Garrett

**Thursday, 10/ 21** - Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-59)
Reading: *Democracy in America*, 1-15, 73-146
Lecturer: James Johnson

**Thursday, 10/28** - Integrating Forum with Core Humanities
Reading: *Tocqueville (cont.)*, pp. 146-195, 201-14, 224-28, 248-58, 281-319

**Thursday, 11/ 4** - Karl Marx (1818-83)
Lecturer: Stephen Kalberg

**Tuesday, 11/9** - Max Weber (1864-1920)
Reading: *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*
Lecturer: Stephen Kalberg

**Thursday, 11/18** - Émile Durkheim (1858-1917)
*(135 - trim?)*
Lecturer: David Swartz

**Thursday, 11/25** - Thanksgiving Vacation, No Lecture

**Thursday, 12/2** - Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)
Reading: *Civilization and its Discontents*
Lecturer: Thomas Glick

**Thursday, 12/9** - End of the semester Roundtable Discussion

**Final Exam -- TBA**

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