This course designed to complement the Core Humanities and Natural Sciences by introducing the social sciences within their historical setting. CC203 will pursue major intellectual themes rather than attempt to cover each discipline separately. The first semester focuses on the emergence of the social sciences up to the end of the 19th century and early 20th century. Our purpose is to outline the modes of thought, scope of problems, types of analysis and their significance in understanding the world. For this reason historical context plays a vital role in determining how the very societies we study have changed through time and helps explain why some problems received more attention in one period than another. The readings for each lecture theme are drawn from original sources in order to represent the most fundamental theories as they were first presented.

The syllabus outlines the schedule of lecture topics and reading assignments for each week. It is vital that you keep up with the reading if the course is to be a success. To the extent possible the assigned selections from longer works have been specifically chosen so that you can focus on the major ideas. There are three components to the course that will make up the final grade:

1. Lecture attendance, section attendance and participation in discussion
   Sections will meet as scheduled. Topics for discussion will provided each week although students are encouraged to raise other issues that may arise during the course of lectures or in the readings.

2. Writing assignments. These writing assignments are designed to integrate the lectures, readings and discussions. Each instructor will provide details about the topics, length, schedule, and number of papers required.

3. Final examination: 12/19, 9-11 AM. Please note this date well. Do not plan to take your vacation break before taking the exam. The date is fixed by the College and it cannot be taken in advance of this date!

All Core students are expected to be familiar with the provisions of the CAS Academic Conduct Code, particularly regarding issues such as plagiarism and cheating on exams. It is your obligation to know these rules, copies of which are available in room CAS 105. Any case of suspected academic misconduct will be referred to the Dean's Office.

**Required Textbooks**

1) Durkheim, Emile, *Suicide* (Penguin, 9780140449679)
3) Locke, John, *Second Treatise on Government* (Hackett, 9780915144860)
5) Bronislaw Malinowski, *Argonauts of the Western Pacific* (Waveland, 9780881330847)
6) Rousseau, Jean-Jacques, *Basic Political Writings* (Hackett, 9780872200470)
7) Toqueville, Alexis de, *Democracy in America* (Mentor, 9780451528124)
8) "The Old Regime and the French Revolution* (Doubleday Anchor, 9780385092609)

Note: A Core Source Book containing additional required reading material can be downloaded from http://bu.edu/core/cc203 or picked up from the Core Office.
1) The Ancient World (September 3)
   Aristotle, Politics (source book), Tacitus, Germania (source book)

2) The Desert and the Sown (September 10)

3) States of Nature (September 17)
   Thomas Hobbes, The Leviathan (source book)

4) Rights, Liberty, and Resistance (September 24)
   John Locke, Second Treatise on Government, pp. 8-30, 42-51, 63-69, 107-124
   “Declaration of Independence” (source book)

5) The Social Contract (October 1)
   J-J. Rousseau, “Social Contract” (Basic Political Writings, pp. 141-227)

6) Social Forces: The Invisible Hand (October 8)
   Adam Smith, Wealth of Nations (source book)

7) Social Forces: Evolution and Society (October 15)
   Charles Darwin, Descent of Man, chapter 5 (source book)

8) Theory into Practice: America as a Society (October 22)

9) Theory into Practice: The French Revolution (October 29)

10) Social Forces: The Industrial Revolution (November 5)

11) Social Forces: Culture and the Origins of Modern Capitalism (November 12)
    Max Weber, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

12) The Individual and Society (November 19)
    Emile Durkheim, Suicide: pp.15-29 (Introduction); pp.147-78 (II.1 - II.2); pp.210-247 (II.3.IV - II.4.I); pp.262-305 (II.5); pp.329-32 (III.1.I); pp.332-5, to “how it operates” (III.1.II, partial); pp.343-56, from “So the terms” (III.1.III, partial); pp.356-51 (III.1.IV)

Fall Recess: Wednesday Nov. 25 to Sunday Nov. 29

13) Rings of Reciprocity (December 3)
    Bronislaw Malinowski, Argonauts of the Western Pacific: p. xv (First page of Foreword); pp. 1-25 (Introduction); pp. 81-104 (Chapter 3); pp. 173-6 (Chapter 6, section v); pp. 350-65 (Chapter 14); pp. 509-18 (Chapter 22)

14) Conclusion (December 10)

Final examination: Saturday, December 19, 9-11 AM, CAS room 522.