CAS CC 211: Power, Political Forms, and Economics

Fall 2016

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LECTURE SESSIONS  Thursdays 12:30-2 pm in the School of Theology, Room B-19 (basement)

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Course description. The Core Social Sciences are designed to complement the course sequences in Humanities and Natural Sciences by introducing the social sciences within their historical setting. It will pursue major intellectual themes rather than attempt to cover each discipline separately.

In this second semester, we will focus 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.

We will read and discuss some of the most insightful and influential thinkers on social forces, politics, economics, and religion who have shaped contemporary ideas about the structures of society. Topics considered in lecture and discussion will include human rights and self-determination, the relation of the individual and society, and the relation of power and economics to society. The readings for each lecture theme are drawn from original sources in order to represent the most fundamental theories as they were first presented.

Course structure. This syllabus outlines the schedule of lecture topics and reading assignments for each week. You will receive in addition a discussion section syllabus from your section leader. Most of the assigned readings are from original sources. To the extent possible excerpts from longer works have been specifically chosen so that you can focus on the major ideas. It is vital that you keep up with the reading if the course is to be a success.

Grades will be assigned and proportioned by your section professor, according to the following percentages:

Class participation: 10-20%  Papers: 50-70%  Final exam: 20%

Class participation entails attendance at Thursday lecture and attendance and participation in section discussion. Section and lecture attendance will be monitored by section leaders and irregular attendance will adversely affect your final grade. Sections will meet as scheduled. Topics for discussion will be provided each week during the Thursday lectures and/or section meetings although students are encouraged to raise other issues that seem relevant to the lectures and readings.

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

The final exam (essay questions) will cover materials presented in the Thursday lectures and in the assigned readings, and will ask you to reflect on the materials covered during the semester.
Important Dates. September 19 is the last day you can add this course if there are available places. October 12 is the last day you can drop this course without a “W” grade. November 10 is the last day you can drop this course with a “W” grade.

The date of the final exam will be announced in September. Take careful note of this date. The date is determined by the University Registrar, and the exam cannot be taken in advance. Keep this in mind as you make your December travel plans.

Writing is an essential component of the Core Curriculum and is coordinated closely with the Boston University Writing Program. Students who successfully complete both semesters of the Core Social Sciences (CC 112 and / CC 211 ) will receive credit for WR 150. The Core Writing Fellows are graduate students familiar with the works read in the Core who are available to work with you one on one and support you at any stage of the writing process. To make an appointment, consult the online reservation instructions at www.bu.edu/core/writing. An online writing handbook is available at the same webpage.

On the Core website—www.bu.edu/core—students will find faculty office hours, reading lists, a departmental activities and academic calendar, syllabi, Writing Fellow contact information and writing FAQs, and other resources. We hope you will also take advantage of the Core Blog at blogs.bu.edu/core, where you can stay up to date with Core events and participate in a wide-open conversation with Core lecturers and faculty about the issues of the course. At www.bu.edu/core/cc211 you will be able to access audio recordings of lectures, and archived versions of the media materials and handouts used by lecturers throughout the semester.

Required textbooks are available at the BU Bookstore and are on reserve in Mugar Library:

1. History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides (Penguin, 9780140440393)
2. The Muqaddimah by Ibn Khaldun (Princeton, 9780691120546)
3. The Leviathan by Thomas Hobbes (Hackett, 9780872201774)
4. Basic Political Writings by Jean-Jacques Rousseau (Hackett, 9781603846738)
5. Second Treatise of Government by John Locke (Hackett, 9780915144860)
6. Democracy in America by Alexis de Tocqueville (Hackett, 9780872204942)
7. The Old Regime and the French Revolution by Alexis de Tocqueville (Anchor, 9780385092609)
10. On Suicide by Emile Durkheim (Penguin, 9780140449679)
11. Argonauts of the Western Pacific by Bronislaw Malinowski (Waveland, 9781478602095)

A course pack containing assigned photocopied material will be distributed at the first lecture, with additional readings distributed throughout the semester.

Learning and testing accommodation. Boston University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student who needs academic accommodations because of a documented disability, you should contact your seminar leader and present your letter of accommodation as soon as possible. If you have questions about documenting a disability or requesting academic accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at access@bu.edu and 617-353-3658. Letters of accommodations should be presented as soon as possible to ensure that student needs are addressed from the start of the course. Learn more at www.bu.edu/disability/policies-procedures.

Academic Conduct. All members of the University are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity; we have the same expectations of each other in this course. Seminar leaders take the issue of plagiarism seriously and expect all the work you do in this course to be your own. If you have questions about what plagiarism is and how it differs from the appropriate use of other people’s work, consult the Academic Conduct Code at www.bu.edu/academics/cas/policies/academic-conduct or speak with your instructor.
FALL 2016 CC 211 LECTURE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK 1
Event - Tues. Sept. 6: Welcome Reception for Core students & alumni: 3:30-5 PM, CAS 119

9/8. The Ancient World and Social Science
Lecturer: Loren Samons, Department of Classical Studies

Event - Sun. Sept. 11: Annual All-Core BBQ: 2 – 4 PM, BU Beach

Event - Wed. Sept. 14: Fall Language Fair: 2 – 4 PM, Marsh Plaza

WEEK 2
9/15. The Desert and the Town: Comparative Sociology
Lecturer: Thomas Barfield, Department of Anthropology

WEEK 3
9/22. States of Nature and Political Order
Lecturer: Susanne Sreedhar, Department of Philosophy
Reading: Hobbes, The Leviathan (pp. 3-27, 57-63, 74-100, 106-45)

WEEK 4
9/29: Inequality, Property and Social Contract
Lecturer: Brendan McConville, Department of History
Reading: Locke, Second Treatise of Government, pp. 7-30, 42-53, 63-9, 107-16, 123-4; Declaration of Independence (course packet)

WEEK 5
10/6. The Social Contract and Its Critics
Lecturer: Parker Shipton, Department of Anthropology
Reading: Rousseau "Discourse on the Origin of Inequality" (Basic Political Writings pp. 39-81) and "Social Contract" (pp. 156-85, 191-195, 198-200, 217-220, 224-228, 239-252); Hume, "On The Original Contract" (course packet)

WEEK 6
10/13. Social and Economic Forces: The Division of Labor & The Invisible Hand
Lecturer: David Swartz, Department of Sociology

WEEK 7
10/20. Theory into Practice: America as a Democratic Society
Lecturer: Stephen Kalberg, Department of Sociology
(LECTURE TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS, continued)

**WEEK 8**

10/27. **De Tocqueville and the French Revolution**  
Lecturer: Thomas Barfield, Department of Anthropology  

**WEEK 9**

11/3. **Social and Economic Forces: The Industrial Revolution**  
Lecturer: Stephen Kalberg, Department of Sociology  
Reading: Marx and Engels, *The Marx Engels Reader*: “Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right: Introduction” (pp. 53-65), “Estranged Labour” (pp. 70-81), “Commodities” (pp. 302-12, 319-29), “Manifesto of the Communist Party” (pp. 473-500), “The German Ideology” (two sections: the first from the start of the paragraph beginning “The first premise of all human history...” on p. 149 to the end of the paragraph beginning “Civil society embraces...” on p. 163; and the second from the start of the paragraph beginning “The ideas of the ruling class...” on p.172 to the end of p.175), “Wage Labor and Capital” (204-10)

**WEEK 10**

11/10. **Social and Cultural Forces: Culture and the Origins of Modern Capitalism**  
Lecturer: Stephen Kalberg, Department of Sociology  

NB: In the OUP edition, ISBN 9780199747252, the relevant pages for Chapters 1-4 are pp.67-138, and for Chapter 5, pp.158-79. In the Roxbury edition, ISBN 9780935732900, which we used in earlier years of this course, Chapters 1-4 are located on pp.35-128, and Chapter 5 on pp.155-83.

**WEEK 11**

11/17. **The Individual and Society**  
Lecturer: David Swartz, Department of Sociology  
Reading: Durkheim, *Suicide*: pp. 15-29, 147-78, 210-47, 262-305, 329-35 (ending with “how it operates”), and the section starting with the paragraph beginning “So the terms...” on p. 343, to the end of p.361

Fall Recess  Wednesday, November 23 - Sunday, November 27

**WEEK 12**

12/1. **Exchange and Reciprocity**  
Lecturer: Thomas Barfield, Department of Anthropology  

**WEEK 13**

12/8. **Course conclusions and Discussion**  
Lecturer: Thomas Barfield, Department of Anthropology

*Last day of classes*  December 12  
*Study period*  December 13-15

Final Exam: Tuesday December 20, 3-5 PM in CGS 527