**PST Political and Social Thought—Core Seminar I**

**Fall Term 2023**

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Unless noted below, written responses of 500-600 words are due each week by **Sunday at Midnight**before class on Monday.

**Outline of Readings and Classes**

**Part I: Modernity in Question**

August 28

Leszek Kolakowski, “How to be a Conservative-Liberal-Socialist: A Credo.” [1978]\*\*\*

*No response due this week.*

September 4

William Doyle, *The French Revolution: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2001)

*La Nuit de Varennes,* a film directed by Ettore Scola based on a novel by Catherine Rihoit.

Joan Landes, *Women and the Public Sphere in the Age of the French Revolution.* Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1988, **pp. 93-106**.\*\*\*

September 11

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels “The Communist Manifesto*,*”**pp. 469-500** in Robert C. Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (Second Edition).

Hannah Arendt, “Labor, Work, Action” **pp. 291-307** in *Thinking Without a Bannister: Essays in Understanding, 1953-1975.* Edited and with an introduction by Jerome Kohn. New York: Schocken Books, 2018.\*\*\*

September 18

Max Weber, “The Politician’s Work” **pp. 43-116** in Paul Reitter and Chad Wellmon, editors, *Charisma and Disenchantment: The Vocation Lectures.* Translated by Damion Searls. New York Review of Books Classics, 2020

Julia Adams, “The Rule of the Father: Patriarchy and Patrimonialism in Early Modern Europe,” **pp. 237-266** in Charles Camic, Philip S. Gorski, and David M. Trubek, editors, *Max Weber’s Economy and Society: A Critical Companion.* Stanford University Press.

September 25

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France.* Hackett Publishing Company, 1987. **pp. 3-87**

October 9

Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysic of Morals* (with *A Supposed Right to Lie because of Philanthropic Concerns*). Translated by James W. Ellington. Hackett Publishing Company, 1993. **pp. 1-62**

October 16

Consolidation day.

*No response due this week*

**Part II Civilization in Question**

October 23

Orlando Patterson, *Freedom I: Freedom in the Making of Western Culture* (Basic Books, revised edition, 1992), **pp. 1-5, 47-94, 106-132, 402-406.**

October 30

G.W.F. Hegel, “Lordship and Bondage” *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Oxford University Press, 1977).\*\*\*

Frederick Douglass, *My Bondage and My Freedom,* introduction and notes by David W. Blight (Yale University Press, 2014), **chapters 5-8, and 11-14.**

November 6

Sophocles, “Antigone,” (442 B.C.E.) translated by Ian Johnston.\*\*\*

“House Seats: Antigone in Ferguson” <https://www.harlemstage.org/antigone-in-ferguson-video>

*Antigone,* a film written and directed by Sophie Deraspe (2019).

November 13

Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents.* Norton Critical Edition, edited by Samuel Moyn.

Samuel Moyn, “Freud’s Discontents” *The Nation* November 21, 2016, <https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/freuds-discontents>

November 20

Consolidation Day

*No response due this week*

November 27

*The Republic of Plato,* translated by Allan Bloom. Second Edition. Basic Books, 1991.

**Read Book 1.**

December 4

*The* *Republic of Plato,* **read books 2-3.**