

Political Theory Reading List 10/24/14

Choose forty readings from the list. The chosen forty must include substantive amounts of reading from the ancient, modern, and contemporary periods. In addition to the chosen forty, select another ten texts (these may be on or off the list). The resulting list of fifty readings must be approved by the professors who will be grading that particular set of exams.

Aeschylus. "Oresteia"

Sophocles. "Antigone."  
\_\_\_\_\_. "Oedipus the King."

Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, selections

Plato, "Euthyphro," "Apology," "Crito"  
Plato, *Republic*

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*  
Aristotle, *Politics*

Cicero. *The Republic*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. "On Duties."

Augustine, *The City of God*, selections

Aquinas, selections from *Political Writings*.

Machiavelli, *The Prince*  
\_\_\_\_\_. *The Discourses on Livy*

Milton, *Areopagitica*

Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Part I & II

Locke, *Second Treatise of Civil Government*  
Locke, *A Letter Concerning Toleration*

Mandeville, *The Fable of the Bees*

Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Bk III

Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws*, selections

Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*

Rousseau, *The Social Contract*

Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, selections

Kant, "Idea for a Universal History" "What is Enlightenment?" "Toward Perpetual Peace"

\_\_\_\_\_. *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

Jay, Madison, and Hamilton, *The Federalist Papers* selections

Bentham, *Introduction to Principles of Morals and Legislation*, selections

Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*; selections

Paine, *The Rights of Man*

Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*

Hegel, *The Philosophy of Right*

Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, selections

Emerson, "Self-Reliance," "The American Scholar," "The Divinity School Address"

Marx, "Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844," "Wage Labour and Capital," and "On the Jewish Question"

Marx and Engels, *The German Ideology*, Part I  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Manifesto of the Communist Party*

Thoreau, "On Civil Disobedience"

J. S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*

\_\_\_\_\_ *On Liberty*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Considerations on Representative Government* selections

Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals*

Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," "Science as a Vocation"

Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents*

Carl Schmitt, *The Concept of the Political*

Heidegger, Martin. *Being and Time*

\_\_\_\_\_. “The Question Concerning Technology”  
\_\_\_\_\_. “The Origin of the Work of Art.”

Dewey, John. *Liberalism and Social Action*.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *The Public and Its Problems*

Arendt, *On Revolution*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *The Human Condition*

Strauss, *Natural Right and History*

Isaiah Berlin, *Four Essays on Liberty*

King, “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”

Sheldon, *Politics and Vision*, Part One

Oakeshott, *Rationalism and Politics*  
\_\_\_\_\_ *On Human Conduct*

Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, selections  
\_\_\_\_\_ *Political Liberalism*, selections

Robert Nozick, *Anarchy State and Utopia*

Sandel, *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*

MacIntyre, *After Virtue*

Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*

Habermas, *Theory of Communication Action*

Lefort, “The Logic of Totalitarianism”