

Yale University  
Department of Political Science

## Political Philosophy Reading List 2007

Students will be examined on eight authors from the list below.

*Three* of the authors must come from part one (Herodotus to Machiavelli) and *five* from part two (Hobbes and after). Students may also appeal to be examined on texts/authors not currently included on the list (e.g. Weber).

The secondary readings suggested for each author are intended as guides to assist you in gaining knowledge of the primary sources and some of the interpretive and critical debates in contemporary scholarship in political philosophy. They are suggestions only, and may be supplemented or substituted for by other secondary texts. Additional relevant works can be suggested by faculty members. While no secondary reading is required as such, it will be difficult to demonstrate mastery of your selected authors without some sense of how other scholars have read and responded to their works in the past.

Students will submit their list of authors/texts to Colleen Amaro prior to taking the exam. Essay questions will be drawn up individually to address the issues of each list.

### Part I

Herodotus, *The History*, Grene translation

Norma Thompson, *Herodotus and the Origins of the Political Community*  
Seth Benardete, *Herodotean Inquiries*  
Francois Hartog, *The Mirror of Herodotus*  
James Romm, *Herodotus*

Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*

Jacqueline Romilly, *Thucydides and Athenian Imperialism*  
David Grene, *Man In His Pride*  
Steven Forde, *The Ambition to Rule*  
W.R. Conner, *Thucydides*  
Hunter Rawlings III, *The Structure of Thucydides' History*  
Adam Parry, *Logos and Ergon in Thucydides*

Plato, *Apology, Crito, Republic*

Julia Annas, *Introduction to Plato's Republic*  
Leo Strauss, "Plato," *The City and Man*  
H.G. Gadamer, *Dialogue and Dialectic*  
Charles Griswold, Jr.ed., *Platonic Writings, Platonic Readings*

- James C. Klagge and Nicholas D. Smith, *Methods of Interpreting Plato*  
 Arlene Saxonhouse, "The Philosopher and the Female," *Political Theory* 12, 1(1976):195-212  
 Ann Congleton, "Two Kinds of Lawlessness: Plato's *Crito*." *Political Theory* Vol 4,2(1974)432-446
- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Ross, Crisp, or Ostwald translation; Politics, Lord or Everson translation  
 Stephen Salkever, *Finding the Mean*  
 Carnes Lord, *Education and Culture in the Political Thought of Aristotle*  
 Aristide Tessitore, *Reading Aristotle's Ethics*  
 Michael Davis, *The Politics of Philosophy*  
 Bernard Yack, *The Problems of a Political Animal*  
 Amelie O. Rorty, ed., *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics*  
 Keyt and Miller, eds., *A Companion to Aristotle's Politics*
- Augustine, *The Political Writings (Gateway)*, pp. 1-207  
 Herbert Deane, *The Political and Social Ideas of Saint Augustine*  
 Reinhold Niebuhr, "Augustine's Political Realism" in *Christian Realism and Political Problems*
- Aquinas, excerpts from the *Summa* in either *Selected Political Writings*, ed. D'Entreves or *The Political Ideas*, ed. Bigongiari  
 A.P.D'Entreves, *Natural Law*  
 D'Entreves, *Medieval Contribution to Political Theory*, Chap. 2.  
 G.K. Chesterton, Aquinas  
 John Finnis, *Aquinas: Moral, Political and Legal Theory*
- Maimonides, *Guide of the Perplexed*, Epistle Dedicatory; Author's Introduction; Bk. II, chaps. 32, 36-90; Bk. III chaps. 27-28, 50-54  
 Joseph Buijs ed., *Maimonides: A Collection of Critical Essays*  
 Marvin Fox, *Interpreting Maimonides*  
 Howard Kreisel, *Maimonides' Political Thought*
- Machiavelli, *The Prince, The Discourses*  
 Quentin Skinner, *Machiavelli*  
 J.G.A. Pocock, *Machiavellian Moment*, Chap. 6,7  
 Leo Strauss, *Thoughts on Machiavelli*  
 Mark Hulliung, *Citizen Machiavelli*  
 Hannah Pitkin, *Fortune is a Woman*  
 Harvey Mansfield, *Machiavelli's Virtue*  
 Victoria Kahn, *Machiavelli and the Discourse of Literature*  
 Ruth Grant, *Hypocrisy and Integrity*  
 Maurizio Viroli, *Machiavelli*  
 Gisela Bock, Quentin Skinner, and Maurizio Viroli, eds., *Machiavelli and Republicanism*

## Part II

Hobbes, *Leviathan*

Michael Oakeshott, "Moral Life in the Writings of Thomas Hobbes," in *Rationalism in Politics*

C.B. Macpherson, *Political Theory of Possessive Individualism*, Chap. 2

Quentin Skinner, "The Context of Hobbes's Theory of Political Obligation," in *Hobbes and Rousseau*, eds. Cranston and Peters

Richard Tuck, *Hobbes*

Spinoza, *Theologico-Political Treatise; Political Treatise* (Shirley translation)

Steven B. Smith, *Spinoza, Liberalism and the Question of Jewish Identity*

Etienne Balibar, *Spinoza and Politics*

Jonathan Israel, *Radical Enlightenment*

Leo Strauss, *Spinoza's Critique of Religion*

Yirmiyahu Yovel, *Spinoza and Other Heretics*

W. Montag and T. Stolze (eds) *The New Spinoza*

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

John Dunn, *Political Thought of John Locke*, Chap. 1,5,8,9,10,13-17,19

C.B. Macpherson, *Possessive Individualism*, Chap. 5

Leo Strauss, *Natural Right and History* Chap. 5B

Peter Laslett, Introduction in his edition of *Two Treatises of Government*

Richard Ashcraft, *Locke's Two Treatises of Government*

Montesquieu, *Spirit of the Laws*

Louis Althusser, *Montesquieu: Politics and History in Politics and History*

Thomas Pangle, *Montesquieu's Philosophy of Liberalism*

Judith Shklar, *Montesquieu*

Nannerl Keohane, *Philosophy and the State in France*

Rousseau, *Discourse on the Arts and Sciences, Discourse on the Origin of Inequality, Social Contract*

Roger Masters, *The Political Philosophy of Rousseau*

Judith Shklar, *Men and Citizens*

Jean Starobinski, *Transparency and Obstruction*

Arthur Mezler, *The Natural Goodness of Man*

Robert Wokler, *Rousseau*

Hamilton, Madison, and Jay, *Federalists Papers*

David Epstein, *The Political Theory of the Federalist*

John Diggins, *The Lost Soul of American Politics*, Chap. 2,3

Richard Hofstadter, "Founding Fathers: An Age of Reason," in *The American Political Tradition*

Kant, *Political Writings*, ed. H. Reiss

- Patrick Riley, *Kant's Political Theory*  
 William A. Galston, *Kant and the Problem of History*  
 Yirmiahu Yovel, *Kant and the Philosophy of History*  
 Howard Williams, ed. *Essays on Kant's Political Philosophy*  
 Onora O'Neill, *Constructions of Reason*
- Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments, The Wealth of Nations*  
 Joseph Cropsey, *Polity and Economy*  
 D. Winch, *Adam Smith's Politics*  
 I. Hont and M. Ignatieff, eds. *Wealth and Virtue*  
 C. Grisowld, *Adam Smith and the Virtues of Enlightenment*  
 Andrew Skinner and Thomas Wilson, eds. *Essays on Adam Smith*  
 Albert O. Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests*, pp 100-115  
 Nicholas Phillipson, "The Scottish Enlightenment" in *Enlightenment*  
 In National Contexts, eds. Roy Porter and Mikulas Teich.
- Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*  
 J.G.A. Pocock, *Politics, Language, and Time*, Chap. 6  
 Peter Stanlis, *Edmund Burke and the Natural Law*, Chap. 1,3  
 Leo Strauss, *Natural Right and History*, Chap. 6B  
 Bromwich, ed. *Burke on Empire, Liberty, and Reform*  
 Pocock, "Introduction" to *Reflections* (Hackett)  
 James Boyd White, *When Words Lose Their Meaning*  
 Articles: Michael Mosher, David Bromwich
- Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*  
 Raymond Plant, *Hegel*  
 Shlomo Avineri, *Hegel's Theory of the Modern State*  
 Charles Taylor, *Hegel and Modern Society*  
 Alexandre Kojeve, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel*  
 Steven B. Smith, *Hegel's Critique of Liberalism*
- Tocqueville, *Democracy in America; The Old Regime and the Revolution*  
 Abraham S. Eisenstadt ed., *Reconsidering Tocqueville's*  
*Democracy in America*  
 Jean-Claude Lamberti, *Tocqueville and the Two Democracies*  
 Alan Kahan, *Aristocratic Liberalism: Burckhardt, Mill, and Tocqueville*  
 Francoise Melonio, *Tocqueville and the French*  
 Larry Siedentop, "Two Liberal Traditions," in Alan Ryan, *The Idea*  
*Of Freedom*  
 Pierre Manent, *Tocqueville and the Nature of Democracy*  
 Raymond Aron, "Tocqueville" *Main Currents of Sociological Thought*
- Mill, *On Liberty, Utilitarianism*  
 Alan Ryan, J.S. Mill  
 Fred Berger, *Happiness, Justice, Freedom*

Gertrude Himmelfarb, *On Liberty and Liberalism*  
Joseph Hamburger, *Intellectuals in Politics: John Stuart Mill and  
The Philosophic Radicals*

Marx, *On the Jewish Question: German Ideology (Part I); Communist  
Manifesto: Capital* in Robert Tucker, *Marx-Engels Reader*, pp. 294-343,  
431-438 and “The Eighteenth Brumaire” in Tucker, pp. 594-617.  
Shlomo Acineri, *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*  
Leszek Kolakowski, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Vol. 1  
G.A. Cohen, *Karl Marx’s Theory of History*

Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals: Beyond Good and Evil*  
Robert Solomon ed. *Reading Nietzsche*  
Bruce Detwiler, *Nietzsche and the Politics of Aristocratic Radicalism*  
M. Heidegger, “Who is Nietzsche’s Zarathustra?” in *Nietzsche*  
Alexander Nehamas, *Nietzsche: Life as Literature*  
Richard Schacht ed., *Nietzsche, Genealogy, Morality*  
Peter Berkowitz, *Nietzsche: The Ethics of an Immoralist*

Heidegger, *Basic Writings*  
Neske and Kettering, *Martin Heidegger and National Socialism*  
K.Harris and C. Jamme, eds. *Martin Heidegger: Politics, Art and  
Technology*  
V. Farias, *Heidegger and Nazism*  
P. Lacoue-Labarthe, *Heidegger, Art and Politics*

Arendt, *The Human Condition*, “What Is Freedom?” “What Is Authority?”  
“The Concept of Truth” in *Between Past and Future*, Chap. 9 in *Origins of  
Totalitarianism* “The Decline of the Nation State and the End of the Rights of  
Man”  
George Kateb, *Hannah Arendt*  
Melvin Hill, ed., *Hannah Arendt: The Recovery of the Public World*  
Seyla Benhabib, *The Reluctant Modernism of Hannah Arendt*  
Margaret Canovan, *Hannah Arendt*