Gov: 1061: Modern Political Philosophy
Spring, 2005
Syllabus

Readings: The books for Gov. 1061 are on order at the COOP. They are also readily available at other bookstores, and they are on reserve at Lamont.

Requirements: There will be two take-home exams and a final exam. The first take-home will be distributed on March 4 and is due in class on March 11. The second will be distributed on April 15 and is due in class on April 22. Attendance at discussion section is mandatory; your performance in section will count for 20% of your grade.

Feb 3  **Introduction:** The Anchored Book, the Needy Reader, the Eternal Truth and the Jumping Universe

Feb 8  **Machiavelli:** The Mirror of Princes, or Learning How Not to be Good
Reading: *The Prince*

Feb 10 **Machiavelli:** The Problem of “Dirty Hands”
Reading: *Discourses*, I, 34-5, 49; Book III, Ch. 1, 3

Feb 15 **Machiavelli:** The Prince and the Republic: Civic Virtue and Reason of State
Reading: *The Discourses*, Book I, Introduction, Ch. 1-12, 16-18, 25-6, 29; Book II, Ch. 2; Book III, Ch. 9, 25-6,

Feb 17 **Hobbes:** “The Passion to be Reckoned with is Fear”
Reading: *Leviathan*, Part I, Introduction, Ch. 1-15

Feb 22 **Hobbes:** Political Representation: Authorizing and Alienating
Reading: *Leviathan*, Part I, Ch. 16; Part II, Ch. 17-21, 29

Feb 24 **Hobbes:** Legalism: The Office of the Sovereign Representative
Reading: *Leviathan*, Part II, Ch. 22-31

March 1  **Locke:** Life, Liberty, and Property: Is Liberalism a Class Act?
Reading: *Second Treatise*, Ch. 1-5, 7-10

March 3  **Locke:** Slavery: Real and By Analogy
March 8  **Locke**: Liberal Revolution: Who Judges?
Reading: *Second Treatise*, Ch. 11, 16-19

March 10  **Burke**: Political Conservatism: “An Entailed Inheritance”
Reading: *Reflections on the Revolution* Part I (Ch. I, 1; II, 2-3; III; IV, 1, 4; V, 3; VI; VII, 2; IX, 1-2); Part II (Ch. I, 1-2)

March 15  **Paine**: Political Radicalism: “The Earth Belongs to the Living”
Reading: *Common Sense; Rights of Man*, Part I, pp. 51-64; 70-1; 78-95; 139-43

March 17  **Rousseau**: “The Apostle of Affliction”
Reading: *Discourse on The Origin of Inequality*

March 22  **Rousseau**: Men vs. Citizens: Two Ways to be Good
Reading: *The Social Contract*, Books I and II

March 24  **Rousseau**: The General Will: Where do Citizens Come From?
Reading: *The Social Contract*, Books III and IV

April 5  **Kant**: Natural and Moral Man in History
Reading: *Idea for a Universal History; What is Enlightenment?*

April 7  **Kant**: Cosmopolitanism and Perpetual Peace
Reading: *Perpetual Peace*

April 12  **Hegel**: Philosophy of History
Reading: *Philosophy of History*, Introduction, The Greek World (Sections 1 and 2)

April 14  **Hegel**: Empty Kant: Civil Society and the Ethical State
Reading: *Philosophy of History*, The Modern Time

April 19  **Marx**: Class Struggle and Revolutionary Morality
Reading: *The Communist Manifesto and Critique of the Gotha Program*

April 21  **Marx**: Labor and Justice
Reading: *The German Ideology; Capital* (pp. 232-38; 272-85)

April 26  **Mill**: Subjection: Real and by Analogy
Reading: *The Subjection of Women*

April 28  **Mill**: Arguments for Liberty
Reading: *On Liberty*
May 3  
Nietzsche: History for Life  
Reading: *The Use and Abuse of History for Life*

May 5  
Nietzsche: Genealogy of Morals  
Reading: *Beyond Good and Evil*, Part 5; Part 8; Part 9