POLITICAL SCIENCE 13: POWER AND JUSTICE

The course deals with 1/ the relationship between our understandings of who and what we are as human beings and what we are as citizens, thus with the political and social worlds in which we live (we may call that the topic of justice) and 2/ how those understandings are shaped by forces both in and not in our control (call that the topic of power).

My office hours Tuesday 10-11:30 in SSB 374 and by appt at 534 7081. Email is tstrong@weber.ucsd.edu.

The following required books are on sale at the book store:

- Koestler, *Darkness at Noon*  Scribner
- *Plato, The Last Days of Socrates*  Hackett Publishing Company; 2
- *The Abortion cases* (ed Shapiro) Hackett Pub Co;
- Ellison, *Invisible Man*  Vintage; 2nd edition  START READING BY JULY 21

In addition there is a reader to be purchased from University Readers. Go to Universityreaders.com and follow instructions. Do the reading before the class for which it is assigned.

Requirements for the course include attendance, participation (10%), a midterm paper (40%) and a final in-class exam (50%). Grammar, spelling and style will be taken into account.


SECTION ONE: Power and the politics of identity in difficult situations

June 28: FILM: "Obedience" by Stanley Milgrim

June 30: The limits of selfhood and identity:

READING: Bettelheim: "Individual and Mass Behavior in Extreme Situations" (reader)

July 5: The self and political commitment

READING: Koestler, *Darkness at Noon* (BOOKSTORE)

July 7: What does it mean to be a citizen?

READING: Plato, *Apology, Crito* (BOOKSTORE)

July 12: What obligations does a citizen or anyone else have?

READING: Pitkin, “Obligation and Consent” (reader)

MIDTERM PAPER DUE JULY 14
SECTION TWO: Justice and the politics of identity in a changing world

July 14: Persons, Humans and Citizens


July 19: Politics, Contracts and Technology

READING: Locke (reader); “In the Matter of Baby M” (2 Court decisions in reader)

July 21: Selfhood and Society

READING: Mill, On Liberty (BOOKSTORE), Thoreau, "Civil Disobedience (Reader)

Section Three: The Limits of Citizenship and Citizenship at the Limit

July 26:

READING: Thoreau, Civil Disobedience (reader)

July 28:

READING: Ellison, Invisible Man (BOOKSTORE)

Extra and for fun: Visions of the present

READING: Marx, Wage Labor and Capital; Frost, In the Clearing; Hawthorne, The Celestial Railroad (reader)

FINAL IN CLASS at scheduled time