MODERN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

Room: Center Hall 115
Time: Thursdays, 5:00 – 7:50 pm and one make-up session on Friday, May 27, 3:00-5:50 pm (Center Hall 119)
Office Hours: Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm, 3:30-4:30 pm and by appointment, H&SS, Room # 4005

Course Description
This course offers a systematical and chronological survey of the central modern and contemporary ideologies that have dominated and shaped world politics since the late 18th century. Special attention will be paid to classical ideologies like Liberalism, Socialism, Communism, Conservatism and Fascism, but also contemporary ideologies like Religious Fundamentalism, Feminism or Ecologism will be considered. Each unit offers an exposition of the historical development of each ideology and considers its impact on political movements, parties and governments. In addition, the distinctive as well as the common ideas, values and key concepts (like freedom or equality) of the different ideologies will be examined and discussed.

Readings
The following required books are available at the UCSD Bookstore:

General Course Requirements
Regular class attendance will be absolutely essential for the successful completion of this course. The course requirements include an essay (6 pages paper, 30 %), a midterm exam (30 %)
and a final exam (40%). Except where extensions are arranged in advance, late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day. A more detailed handout on the papers (including a list of suggestions) as well as on the exams will follow. Every student has to make a reasonable, good faith effort to complete all the course assignments in order to pass the course.

Midterm exam: Thursday, May 5, 2011 at Center Hall 115
Paper: Thursday, May 26, 2011

(hard copy & electronic version on www.turnitin.com)

Final exam: Thursday, June 9, 2011, 7:00-9:59 pm, building & room: TBA

Kai Ostwald and David Straszheim will assist me as TAs in this course. They can be reached via email at kostwald@ucsd.edu or dstraszheim@ucsd.edu and in their office hours.

Course Policy
UCSD has a university-wide Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, which is on the web at http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm. You are responsible for understanding and acting in accordance with UCSD guidelines on academic integrity. Any student found to have committed a violation of the university rules concerning academic integrity will face academic and administrative consequences. I will report all suspected academic misconduct to the Academic Integrity Office, in accordance with University policy. Administrative sanctions can range from disciplinary probation to suspension and dismissal from the university. Academic sanctions can range from an F on the assignment to an F in the class. Please also make sure to observe the rules for collaboration in preparing the writing assignment and the final take-home exam. It is fine, even encouraged, to discuss the course material with your peers. But your papers should reflect your own individual original thinking about the course themes and material. If you have any questions whatsoever about what constitutes plagiarism, how to properly credit the work and ideas of others, what constitutes permissible cooperation with other students, how to evaluate sources for quality and reliability, and so on, please feel free to contact me (aowzar@ucsd.edu).
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Week 7: Fascism and National Socialism I

May 12  Racism and Anti-Semitism; Fascism

Week 8: No class on Thursday, May 19, postponed on Friday, May 27, 3:00-5:50 pm!

Week 9: Fascism and National Socialism II

May 26  National Socialism; The Concept of Totalitarianism
Paper due

May 27  Religious Fundamentalism
Center Hall 119 Religion and Politics in Pre-Modern and Modern Societies; Radical Islamism; The Christian Right

Week 10: New Challenges

June 2  Feminism; Ecologism

Final exam: Thursday, June 9, 2011, 7:00-9:59 pm