MODERN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

Room: 104 Peterson Hall
Time: Tuesday, 2:00 – 3:20 pm, and Thursday 2:00 – 3:20 pm
Office Hours: Wednesday 2:00 – 3:30 pm, 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 %), an in class midterm exam (30 %) and a take-home final exam (40 %). Except where extensions are arranged in ad-
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) and 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, February 11, 2010
Paper: Thursday, February 25, 2010 (hard copy)
Take-home final exam: Saturday, March 13, 2010, 4 pm

The take-home final exam is due electronically! Please send a
copy to kostwald@ucsd.edu as well as to aowzar@ucsd.edu.

Kai Ostwald will assist me in this course. He can be reached via email at kostwald@ucsd.edu.
His office hours are Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm.

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 under-
standing and acting in accordance with UCSD guidelines on academic integrity. The Department
of History also has established its own definition of what constitutes plagiarism. 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 miscon-
duct to the Academic Integrity Office, in accordance with University policy. Administrative sanc-
tions 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.
Course Schedule

Week 1: Ideas and Ideologies – Introduction
January 5: General Outlines
January 7: Political Ideas and Ideologies

Week 2: Liberalism I
January 12: The Ingredients of Liberalism
January 14: Rightwing and Leftwing Liberalism
Readings: Ideals and Ideologies, pp. 61-117; Heywood, Political Ideologies, pp. 23-64

Week 3: Liberalism II/Anarchism
January 19: Libertarianism
January 21: Anarchism
Readings: Ideals and Ideologies, pp. 118-132 and 254-265; Heywood, Political Ideologies, pp. 86-88 and 175-202

Week 4: Socialism and Communism I
January 26: Utopian Socialism
January 28: Marxism
Readings: Ideals and Ideologies, pp. 189-216; Heywood, Political Ideologies, pp. 99-123

Week 5: Socialism and Communism II
February 2: Leninism and Stalinism
February 4: Social Democracy
Week 6:  Conservatism
February 9:  Conservatism as Anti-Modernism, The New Right
February 11:  Midterm Exam

Week 7:  Fascism and National Socialism I
February 16:  Racism and Anti-Semitism
February 18:  Fascism

Week 8:  Fascism and National Socialism II
February 23:  National Socialism
February 25:  The Concept of Totalitarianism
   Paper due

Week 9:  Religious Fundamentalism
March 2:  Religion and Politics in Pre-Modern and Modern Societies
March 4:  Radical Islamism and the Christian Right

Week 10:  New Challenges
March 9:  Feminism
March 11:  Ecologism

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