**History of Philosophy – 19th Century**

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**Course Description:**

Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche have been described as “masters of suspicion.” In different yet equally groundbreaking ways, they call into question perennial philosophical assumptions about reality, knowledge, and value. What they share, however, is a deep suspicion of abstract accounts of the self. In their texts we find accounts of the self as embodied—as bound to desire, need, and affect. We also find accounts of the self as social—other selves, relations of labor and power, and history are constitutive of the self. Albeit in different ways, then, the body, other selves, and socio-historical relations constitute the self. In this course, we will explore these themes by examining selections from Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*, Marx’s *1844 Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts*, *The Communist Manifesto*, and *Capital*, and Nietzsche’s *Genealogy of Morals*. Although not exclusively, Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche were responding to Kant’s Copernican Revolution. Therefore, we will begin the course by examining selections from Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*. In addition, we will very briefly consider 20th century post-colonial, feminist, and post-structuralist engagements with Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche.

**Required Texts:**

1. Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason* (Abridged) (Hackett)
2. *Self-Consciousness*, *Phenomenology of Spirit*
3. Susan Buck-Morss, “Hegel and Haiti”
4. Karl Marx: Selected Writings (Hackett)
5. Clara Zetkin, “Only in Conjunction With the Proletarian Woman Will Socialism Be Victorious”; Rosa Luxemburg, “Women’s Suffrage and Class Struggle”
6. Catherine MacKinnon, “Feminism, Marxism, and the State”
8. Michel Foucault, “Nietzsche, Genealogy, History”

All texts are available at the Duckstore. Materials marked * are available on Blackboard.

**Course Structure, Requirements, and Policies:**

**Participation:**

Lectures will presuppose familiarity with the text. Coming prepared to discuss the assigned text and participating in class and section discussions are requirements.
Attendance:
You are expected to attend class and discussion sections regularly and promptly. More than 3 absences in lecture and 3 absences in section will result in a failing final grade, unless proof of illness or emergency is provided.

Written Work:
You will be required to hand in four 4-page essays – one on each author: Kant, Hegel, Marx, and Nietzsche. The short essays should reconstruct the/ an argument of the text. They should also critically assess the argument that you have reconstructed. Please see schedule of readings for due dates. No late papers will be accepted, unless accompanied by proof of illness or emergency. All papers are due by noon in the Philosophy Department and via SafeAssign.

Guidelines for papers:
• clarity: the paper should have a clearly defined topic and focus.
• accuracy: the paper should present an author’s position in a fair way.
• assessment: the paper should evaluate the author’s position, and bring to bear on the text or issue your own view; you must defend your view.

All of your work must be typewritten (12 pt. font, Times New Roman, double-spaced). You will be expected to cite texts that you are quoting, paraphrasing, or using as reference appropriately.

Statement on Plagiarism:
Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional unacknowledged use of someone else’s work as one’s own in all forms of academic endeavor (essays, theses, examinations, research data, creative projects, and so on). Plagiarized material may be derived from books, journals, Internet postings, student or faculty papers, and so on including the purchase or “outsourcing” of written assignments. For more information: http://www.libweb.uoregon.edu/guides/plagiarism/students/. Plagiarism is grounds for failing the course.

Grading Standard:
A = excellent. No mistakes, well-written, and distinctive in some way or other.
B = good. No significant mistakes, well-written, but not distinctive in any way.
C = OK. Some errors, but basic grasp of the material.
D = poor. Several errors. A tenuous grasp of the material.
F = failing. Problematic on all fronts indicating either no real grasp of the material or complete lack of effort.

Grading:
Class participation 20% (10% lecture, 10% section)
Essays (4) 80% (20% each)

Accommodation for a Disability:
If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please make arrangements to meet with us soon.

Classroom Etiquette:
Please turn off cell phones for the duration of the class. If you will use a laptop in class, you must sit in the first or second rows of the classroom. Facebook, Twitter, texting, etc. are not permitted. You may be asked to leave the classroom and will be considered absent if engaging in these.
### Schedule of Readings:

**Wk. 1**
- **Mon., Apr. 2** Introduction to the course and syllabus
- **Wed., Apr. 4** Kant’s Copernican Revolution – Prefaces to *Critique of Pure Reason*, pp. 1-14
- **Fri., Apr. 6** Kant, Introduction to *Critique of Pure Reason*, pp. 15-24

**Wk. 2**
- **Mon., Apr. 9** Kant, Transcendental Aesthetic, Space and Time, pp. 25-38
- **Fri., Apr. 13** Kant, Transcendental Analytic – Deduction, pp. 51-65 (§§13-20)

**Wk. 3**
- **Mon., Apr. 16** Hegel, “Self-Consciousness” – Life and Desire, pp. 88-92, ¶¶166-177
  - **Essay on Kant due**
- **Fri., Apr. 20** Hegel, “Self-Consciousness” – Master/Slave Dialectic, esp. ¶¶185-196

**Wk. 4**
- **Mon., Apr. 23** Hegel, “Self-Consciousness” – Stoicism, pp. 98-101, ¶¶197-201
- **Wed. Apr. 25** Hegel, “Self-Consciousness” – Skepticism, pp. 101-103, ¶¶201-205
- **Fri., Apr. 27** Hegel, “Self-Consciousness” – Unhappy Consciousness, pp. 102-112, ¶¶206-230

**Wk. 5**
- **Mon., Apr. 30** Buck-Morss, “Hegel and Haiti”
- **Wed., May 1** Marx, *Theses on Feuerbach*, pp. 98-101
- **Fri., May 3** Marx, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts*, “Alienated Labor,” pp. 59-68

**Wk. 6**
- **Mon., May 7** Marx, “Private Property and Communism,” pp. 68-79, from *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts*, and “Free Human Production,” from *Excerpts-Notes of 1844*, pp. 50-53
  - **Essay on Hegel due**

**Wk. 7**
- **Mon., May 14** Continuation of Marx
- **Wed., May 16** Zetkin, “Only in Conjunction With the Proletarian Woman Will Socialism Be Victorious” and Luxemburg, “Women’s Suffrage and Class Struggle”
- **Fri., May 18** MacKinnon, “Feminism, Marxism, and the State”

**Wk. 8**
- **Mon., May 21** Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*, Preface, pp.1-7; Essay 1 §§1-12
  - **Essay on Marx due**
- **Wed., May 23** Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*, Essay, 1 §§13-17
- **Fri., May 25** Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*, Essay 2, §§1-10
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