

It is my way to suffer no impediment, no love of ease, no avocation whatever, to chill the ardour, to break the continuity, or divert the completion of my literary pursuits.

John Milton

For genius, all over the world, stands hand in hand, and one shock of recognition runs the whole circle round.

Herman Melville

Honors 354.2

ELEMENTS OF POLITICS

Fall 2006

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Course requirements: four precis (500-750 word), one essay (1500 word)

Texts: *Fathers and Children*, Ivan Turgenev (Everyman)
Beyond Good and Evil, Friedrich Nietzsche
The Public and its Problems, John Dewey
Course Pack (CP) at UNC student stores:
John Dewey (various selections)
"Philosophy as Rigorous Science," Edmund Husserl
"Philosophy and the Crisis of European Man," Edmund Husserl
"Existentialism is a Humanism," Jean-Paul Sartre
Philosophical Essays, Hans Jonas
Civilization and its Discontents, Sigmund Freud
The Revolt of the Masses, Ortega y Gasset
Basic Writings, Martin Heidegger
"In Another Country," Ernest Hemingway (Reserve UL: PS3515 E37 A15 1987 c.2)
"An Outpost of Progress," Joseph Conrad (Reserve UL: PR6005 O4 A6 1991b)
The Secret Agent, Conrad, Oxford
Phaedo, Plato

- Aug. 23 William Butler Yeats (1865-1939): "The Second Coming"
Ivan Turgenev (1818-1883), *Fathers and Children* (1862)
- Aug. 28 *Fathers and Children*
Aug. 30 *Fathers and Children*
- Sept. 6 Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), *Beyond Good and Evil* (1886): Preface, I: #1-23 (2-32)
- Sept. 11 *Beyond Good and Evil* : II: #24-26, 29-30, 32-34, 36, 42-44; III: #61; V: #186-203;
VI: #208, 210-212; VII #230-231; VIII: #242 (35-39, 41-43, 43-47, 47-48, 52-56, 72-74, 97-118, 128-131, 134-139, 159-162, 176-177)
- Sept. 13 *Beyond Good and Evil*: IX: #257-296 (201-237)
- Sept. 18 John Dewey (1859-1952) , *CP*: 1-54
Sept. 20 Dewey: *CP*: continued
Sept. 22 **PRECIS I DUE** (750 words)
- Sept. 25 Dewey, *The Public and its Problems* (1927): I-II (3-74)
Sept. 27 *The Public and its Problems*: VI (208-219)
- Oct. 2 Sigmund Freud (1865-1939), *Civilization and Its Discontents* (1930): I-III: 10-52
Oct. 4 *Civilization and Its Discontents*: IV- VIII: 53-112
Oct. 6 **PRECIS II DUE** (500-750 words)

- Oct. 9 Jose Ortega y Gasset (1883-1955), *The Revolt of the Masses* (1932), I-V: 1-53
 Oct. 11 *The Revolt of the Masses*, VI-XIII: 54-124, XIV #1-6: 125-156
- Oct. 16 *The Revolt of the Masses*, XIV #7: 156-190
- Oct. 23 Joseph Conrad (1857-1924), *The Secret Agent* (1907)
 Oct. 25 *The Secret Agent*
 Oct. 27 **PRECIS III DUE** (750 words)
- Oct. 30 *The Secret Agent*
 Nov. 1 *The Secret Agent*
- Nov. 6 Edmund Husserl (1859-1938): "Philosophy and the Crisis of European Man": 138-160
 Nov. 8 Husserl
- Nov. 13 Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980), *CP*: "Existentialism is a Humanism," 55-67 (1946)
 Martin Heidegger (1889-1976), *Basic Writings*: "Letter on Humanism," 217-265 (1947)
 Nov. 15 "Letter on Humanism"
 Nov. 17 **PRECIS IV DUE** (750 words)
- Nov. 20 Heidegger, *Basic Writings*: "The Question Concerning Technology," 311-341 (1953)
- Nov. 27 Hans Jonas (1903-1993), *CP: Philosophical Essays*: 1 (1972): 69-78
 Nov. 29 Jonas, *CP: Philosophical Essays*: 3 (1971): 79-98
- Dec. 4 UL Reserve: Joseph Conrad (1857-1924): "An Outpost of Progress" (1896): (PR6005 O4 A6 1991b),
 Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961): "In Another Country" (PS3515 E37 A15 1987 c. 2)
- Dec. 6 Final Exam—I: Plato (c429-347 B.C.): *Phaedo*
- Dec. 9 4:00 : Final Exam—II: *Phaedo*
- Dec. 11 5:00 : **ESSAY DUE** (1000 words)

STANDING ASSIGNMENT FOR EACH DAY OF CLASS: Be ready with at least two passages which you consider of fundamental importance for understanding the author. If you are puzzled by a passage, attempt to formulate carefully why you have an inkling that this passage is illuminating and what it is that confuses you about it. If you have an opinion as to what it means, be ready to show how this meaning leads into the overall reading assigned.

Supplementary Reading List

Dostoevski, *Demons*; Nietzsche, *Gay Science*, *Genealogy of Morals*; Heidegger, Introduction to *Being and Time*; Freud, *Future of an Illusion*; Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*; Paul Fussell, *The Great War in Modern Memory*; Robert Graves, *Goodbye to All That*, Martin Gilbert, *The First World War*