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Department of Political Sciences
POLI 110T
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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:

1. *Ideals and Ideologies. A Reader*, ed. by Terence Ball and Richard Dagger, 7th edition, New York et al. 2009
2. Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*, 4th edition, London/New York 2007

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-

vance, 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 understanding 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 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.

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

Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies*, pp. 217-253; Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 123-142

Week 6: Conservatism

February 9: Conservatism as Anti-Modernism, The New Right

February 11: Midterm Exam

Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies*, pp. 133-187; Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 65-98

Week 7: Fascism and National Socialism I

February 16: Racism and Anti-Semitism

February 18: Fascism

Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies*, S. 285-324; Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 203-216

Week 8: Fascism and National Socialism II

February 23: National Socialism

February 25: The Concept of Totalitarianism

Readings: Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 216-229

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

Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies*, pp. 453-470; Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 281-309

Week 10: New Challenges

March 9: Feminism

March 11: Ecologism

Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies*, pp. 345-373 and 413-451; Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, pp. 230-254 and 255-280

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