

FORMS OF FREEDOM: ANARCHISM, SOCIALISM, AND COMMUNITARIANISM

Fall 2008
Room 104 PAC
Thurs. 1:10-3:30 p.m.

Office: 310 PAC, x. 2489
Hours: Mon. 11-12 a.m., Wed. 3-4 p.m.,
Thurs. 4-5 p.m., & by appointment

What is freedom, and what political forms might it take? We will examine 19th to 21th century anarchist, socialist, and communitarian thought in Europe and America: ideas of communal freedom and individual liberty; the state and civil society; deliberation and emotion; technology, force, power and passion. Also, how are theory and practice joined in these movements?

Books: I recommend that you buy:

Camus, Albert. The Rebel (Vintage, Knopf, Random House)
Guérin, Daniel, ed. No Gods No Masters (AK Press, 2005) (Nb pages differ in 1998 ed.)
Jouvenel, Bertrand de. The Pure Theory of Politics (Liberty Fund)
Kropotkin, Petr. Mutual Aid (Porter Sargent)
MacIntyre, Alasdair. After Virtue, 2nd ed. (University of Notre Dame)
Orwell, George. Homage to Catalonia (Harcourt)
Tucker, Robert, ed. The Marx-Engels Reader, 2nd ed. (W. W. Norton)
Woodcock, George. Anarchism (Broadview Press)

All readings are on reserve at Olin Library, and articles are on electronic reserve (ERes) for this course, available on-line through the library's web page.

Course structure and expectations

This is a lecture/discussion course and we will also have class presentations. Readings should be done by the date for which they are assigned, so we can have good discussions. (Readings in parentheses are optional; those marked passim. can be skimmed.)

Written work: an essay, a class presentation and paper, and a paper. The short essay, on a topic set by me for the class, will be due Sept. 19. The class presentation, accompanied by a paper, addresses a key theme in the reading for that session, to be worked out in consultation with me beforehand. The next paper will be on a theoretical topic of your choice. Topics are due Oct. 30, a bibliography Nov. 13, and short outline or précis Nov. 20. The paper will be due Dec. 11.

Liam Stansen will serve as Teaching Apprentice and is available to help with the assignments, as am I.

Syllabus

Sept. 4 Introduction

Murray Bookchin, "The Forms of Freedom," in Post-Scarcity Anarchism, 141-69

Sept. 11 Authority

Errico Malatesta, in Daniel Guérin, ed., No Gods, No Masters, 352-64
(in earlier ed., Bk. II, 4-13)
(Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, in Guérin, ed., 81-98 (in earlier ed., Bk I, 65-81))
Bertrand de Jouvenel, The Pure Theory of Politics, "Authority: 'Potestas' and 'Potentia,'" Pt. IV, Ch. 1, "On Being Heard," 129- m.144

(George Woodcock, Anarchism, Ch.1)

Sept. 18 Action

Mikhail Bakunin, in Guérin, ed., 129-31, 147-65, 177-83 (in earlier ed., Bk. I, pp. 108-10, 126-42, 152-57)
Jouvenel, "Action: Instigation and Response," Pt. III, Chs. 1-2, pp. 91-125

(Woodcock, Ch. 2)

Sept. 19 ESSAY DUE

Sept. 25 Nature

Petr Kropotkin, Mutual Aid, Intro., Ch. 1; & pp. 52-61 in Ch. 2; Ch. 3; & pp. 131-134 in Ch. 4; Ch. 5; & pp. 199-204, 216-222 in Ch. 6
Kropotkin, in Guérin, ed., 275-79, 299-300, 302-11, 324-25 (in earlier ed., Bk. I, 231-35, 254-55, b.256-64, 276-77)

Max Stirner, in Guérin, ed., 17-26, 31-m.34 (in earlier ed., Bk. I, 11-18, 22-m.25)

(Woodcock, pp. 62-65, & Ch. 7)

State and Society

- Oct. 2 Marx and Friedrich Engels, "The Communist Manifesto" in Tucker, ed.,
469-91, 496, 499-500
Marx, "On the Jewish Question," 26-46 (47-52 passim.)
- Oct. 9 (no class) (for this week, continue reading on society & the state)
Marx, "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte," in Tucker, ed.,
594-617
"Marx Debates Bakunin," in Guérin, ed., 542-48
"Bakunin and Marx on the Commune," in Guerin, ed., 198-212 (in earlier
ed., Bk. I, 167-80)

Community

- Oct. 16 Alasdair MacIntyre, After Virtue, Chs. 2, 6-8, Chs. 10-16

Emma Goldman, "Marriage and Love," in Anarchism and Other Essays,
233-45
Lisa Tessman, Burdened Virtues. Virtue Ethics for Liberatory Struggles,
Intro. & Ch. 5, pp. 3-10, 107-31

Politics

- Oct. 23 Bertrand de Jouvenel, The Pure Theory of Politics, Pts. II-III (already read
91-125); Pt. IV (already read pp.129-m. 144), Pt. V, Ch.1

Proudhon, in Guérin, ed., (39-47), 48-80, 99-122 (Nb Proudhon is reacting
against the "Manifesto of Sixty") (in earlier ed., [27-34], 35-64, 82-102)
- Oct. 30 Jouvenel, Pt. V, Chs. 2-3, Pt. VI, & Addendum

Stirner, "Concerning the Party," in Guérin, ed., 27-30 (in earlier ed.,
Bk. I, 19-21)
Murray Bookchin, "A Note on Affinity Groups," 221-22 (at end of "Listen
Marxist," in Post-Scarcity Anarchism)

cont.

- Nov. 6 “The Spanish Collectives,” and “Anarchism in the Spanish Civil War,” in Guérin, ed., 437-70, 605-18 (in earlier ed., Bk. II, 74-103, 219-29)

(Woodcock, ch. 12)

Military action

- Nov. 13 George Orwell, Homage to Catalonia

Rebellion

- Nov. 20 Albert Camus, The Rebel, Foreword, Intro., Pt. I, and in Pt. II, 23-25, (26-35), 101-04; in Pt. III, 105-178, 246-252; in Pt. V, 294-306

Contemporary movements

- Dec. 4 Marilyn Friedman, “Feminism and Modern Friendship: Dislocating the Community,” in Shlomo Avineri and Avner de-Shalit, eds., Communitarianism and Individualism, 101-19
Bookchin, “Ecology and Revolutionary Thought” in Post-Scarcity Anarchism, 55-82
John Schaar, “The Case for Patriotism,” in Legitimacy and the Modern State, 285-311

- Dec. 11 PAPER DUE