Hobbes; Locke; Montesquieu; Rousseau; Martineau; Mill; Hegel; Marx; Weber; Durkheim. In this highly concentrated survey course, students explore the brilliant writings of classical Western theorists of social and political life in modernity, as they tackle problems and challenges that continue to preoccupy us today. Modern social life and social science arose in tandem, in a fascinating conjunction that is part of what the class examines.

The class also focuses on the ways that these political philosophers and early sociological theorists made sense of capitalism; individualism and alienation; equality and difference; the family and citizenship; religion; power struggles and the rise of states and empires.

Building on this foundation, and in dialogue with it, you will also develop your own thoughts and arguments. The course format combines orienting lectures and seminar-style class discussions and debates. We will vary the format as needed so as to transcend zoom fatigue!

Students will write two structured essays on the readings, the first due June 21, and the second due on or before the last day of class.

**Grading:**
Attendance and participation, 10%
Discussion Leadership, 10%
Two Essays, 80%
…of the final grade.

***All readings will be available via the Yale Canvas course website***
SCHEDULE

June 7, Monday: Welcome; Social Theory; General Organization of Course

June 9, Wednesday: The Problem of Social Order: Hobbes
   Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*
   Selections (emphasis on chapters 6-8, 11-14, 17, 30)

June 11, Friday: Equality, Freedom, Property, and Dissent: Locke
   John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*
   Selections (posted)

June 14, Monday: The Division of Political Powers: Montesquieu
   Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws*
   Part I, Book 1-3, pp. 3-30
   Part II, Book 11, Chapters 1-6, pp. 154-166
   Part III, Book 14, Chapter 1, pp. 231-234; Book 19, Chapter 27, pp. 325-333
   Part IV, Book 20, Chapters 1-4, pp. 337-341

   Jean Jacques Rousseau, *Emile or on Education*, posted selections
   and either:
   Jean Jacques Rousseau, *The Social Contract*
   or
   Jean Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*

June 18, Friday: States and Families: Martineau
   Harriet Martineau, *Society in America*, posted selections

June 21, Monday: Utility and Liberty: Mill
   Utilitarianism, Chapter 2, “What is utilitarianism?” pp. 6-27
   Chapter 5, “Of the connection between Justice and Utility,” pp. 43-67

   Liberty: Chapter 1, pp. 69-83, Chapter 4, pp. 143-162


***June 21, Essay #1 due***

June 23, Wednesday: Alienation and Subject-Object Relations: Hegel & Marx
   pp. 228-240 in J. B. Baillie translation.
Karl Marx, “Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844,”

June 25, Friday: The Material and the Ideal: Marx
Karl Marx, “German Ideology,” in CW, vol. 5. Volume I, Chapter I.
Feuerbach, pp. 27-37; 59-62.

June 28, Monday: Capital: Marx
Karl Marx, Capital, Vol. 1, selections

June 30, Wednesday: Science as a Vocation: Weber
Max Weber. “Science as a Vocation”

July 2, Friday: Religion and the Rise of Capitalism in the West: Weber
Max Weber: The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

July 5, Monday: Class and Power; Authority and Domination: Weber
Max Weber, Economy & Society (E&S)
Chapter 1: “Types of Social Action”; “Types of Action Orientation”; “Legitimate Order”;
“Types of Legitimate Order”, “Bases of Legitimacy”;
“Power and Domination”
Chapter 3, pp. 212-301

Max Weber, E & S, Chapter 9, pp. 926-940; Chapter 4, pp. 302-307
Max Weber, E & S, Chapter 10, pp. 941-55

July 7, Wednesday: Social Solidarity, Modernity, Anomie: Durkheim
Emile Durkheim. The Division of Labor. New York, The Free Press,
Selections.

July 9, Friday: The Sacred and the Profane: Durkheim

***July 9, Friday: Essay #2 Due***