

History of Political Thought B | POU22012

Year	Senior Fresh
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	20 hours of lectures and 5 hours of tutorials
Pre-requisite	POU11011 & POU11012 or POU11033 & POU11034
Semester	2
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Module Outline

Module Content:

The focus of the module will be on social contract, both its uses and limitations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this module, it is expected that students should have:

- Acquired an overview of the history of political thought, from early modern times to the present
- Become familiar with major political theorists from that history, such as Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau
- Become familiar with some of the major concepts that appear in political theory, such as liberalism, the social contract and feminism
- Developed skills at analysing and critiquing political arguments
- Reflected upon the implications of ideas from the history of political thought for contemporary politics

Module Learning Aims:

This module will introduce students to the history of political thought from the 17th century to the present day.

Assessment

3 Short Papers: 45% (15% each)

Final Paper: 55%

Recommended Reading List

Useful introductory readings covering many of the thinkers and concepts included in the module can be found below:

boucher, David and Kelly, Paul, eds. *Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present*. 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

Rawls, John. *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2007.

S.S. Wolin, *Politics and Vision*, Expanded Edition, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004. (Consists of a series of sophisticated interpretative essays. A serious work, well worth close study.)

A useful source book for primary texts:

Classics of Moral and Political Theory, Michael L. Morgan (ed.), Hackett Publishing Company, Indianapolis (Cambridge, 1992). (This is an excellent collection of, in many cases, the complete texts of the relevant political thinkers.)