

## DUKE UNIVERSITY

Political Science 236S/Phil 236S/Ger298S  
Hegel's Political Philosophy  
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This course will be a consideration of Hegel's political philosophy that will focus on the philosophical foundations of his conception of ethical and political life. We will begin with an examination of his understanding of phenomenology and the phenomenological basis of ethical and political institutions. This will involve an examination of considerable portions of his Phenomenology of Spirit. The rest of the course will then be devoted to a careful reading of his Philosophy of Right. Undergraduates are required to write a 10-15 page paper due March 9, 2002 and take a final. Graduate students may write either a 20-30 page research paper or a 10-15 page paper. The latter option is not available if students choose to turn in their papers after April 25, 2002. Each student will be responsible for a short and informal discussion of the secondary readings assigned for one class. The written work will constitute 65% of the grade. The remaining 35% will be determined by class participation.

### Required Purchases:

Hegel, Phenomenology of Spirit, trans. Miller  
Hegel, Philosophy of Right, trans. Nisbet  
Shlomo Avineri, Hegel's Theory of the Modern State  
Michael Gillespie, Hegel, Heidegger, and the Ground of History (available in the PS Office)

### Class Schedule

- Jan. 10 Introduction  
Gillespie, Hegel, Heidegger, and the Ground of History, pp. 24-55  
Recommended: Gillespie, Nihilism Before Nietzsche, 64-100
- 15 Phenomenology of Spirit, "Preface," 1-16  
Recommended: Werner Marx, Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit (Interpretation of "Preface" and "Introduction" to Phenomenology)
- 17 Phenomenology, "Preface," 16-31  
Kenley Dove, "Hegel's Phenomenological Method," Review of Metaphysics 23 (1970): 615-41 (E-Reserve)
- 22 Phenomenology, "Preface," 31-45  
Terry Pinkard, Hegel's Phenomenology: The Sociality of Reason, 1-19 (E-Reserve).

- 24 Phenomenology, "Introduction," and "Sense-Certainty," pp. 46-66  
 Gillespie, pp. 56-84  
 Pinkard, 20-28 (E-Reserve)  
 Recommended: Martin Heidegger, Hegel's Concept of Experience
- 29 Phenomenology, "Self-Consciousness," "Master and Slave," pp. 104-19  
 Alexander Kojève, Introduction to the Reading of Hegel, pp. 3-30 (E-Reserve)  
 Recommended: Pinkard, 46-62 (E-Reserve)
- 31 Phenomenology, "Stoicism, Skepticism, and the Unhappy Consciousness," pp. 119-38  
 Kojève, pp. 31-70 (E-Reserve)  
 Recommended: Pinkard, 63-78 (E-Reserve)
- Feb. 5 Phenomenology, "Spirit," "The Ethical Order," pp. 263-78  
 Gillespie, pp. 85-96  
 Pinkard, 135-150 (E-Reserve)
- 7 Phenomenology, "Ethical Action" and "Legal Status," pp. 279-94  
 Hegel, The Spirit of Christianity and its Fate, pp. 224-39 (E-Reserve)
- 12 Philosophy of Right, "Preface"  
 Iltting, "The Structure of Hegel's 'Philosophy of Right'" (E-Reserve)  
 Avineri, chp. 6
- 14 "Introduction,"  
 Plamenatz, "History as the Realization of Freedom" (E-Reserve)  
 Riedel, "Nature and Freedom in Hegel's Philosophy of Right" (E-Reserve)  
 Recommended: Gibbon, Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, chp. xlv
- 19 "Introduction,"  
 Robert Pippin, "The Rose and the Owl," (E-Reserve)
- 21 "Abstract Right," paragraphs 34-64  
 Locke, Second Treatise of Government, pp. 327-44 (E-Reserve)  
 Recommended: Kant, The Metaphysical Elements of Justice, "Private Law"
- 26 "Abstract Right," paragraphs 65-81  
 Hobbes, Leviathan, Part I, chp. XIV (E-Reserve)
- 28 "Abstract Right," paragraphs 82-104
- Mar. 5 "Morality," paragraphs 105-128  
 Kant, Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals, trans. Beck, pp. vii-xx (E-Reserve)

- 7 "Morality," paragraphs 129-141  
Siep, "The 'Aufhebung' of Morality in Ethical Life" (E-Reserve)
- 8 Undergraduate papers due, 12:00 Noon--No extensions
- 12 Spring Break
- 14 Spring Break
- 19 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 142-181  
Aristotle, Ethics, Bk. VIII, chps. 9-14; Politics, Bk. I, chps. 1-2 (E-Reserve)  
Avineri, chp. 7
- 21 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 182-208  
Locke, Second Treatise, pp. 361-69 (E-Reserve)
- 26 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 209-229
- 28 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 230-256  
Avineri, chp. 8  
Heiman, "The Sources and Significance of Hegel's Corporate Doctrine" (E-Reserve)
- Apr. 2 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 257-271  
Rousseau, Social Contract, pp. 92-107 (E-Reserve)  
Avineri, chp. 9, pp. 176-84
- 4 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 272-286  
Avineri, chp. 9, pp. 185-93
- 9 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 287-320
- 11 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 321-340  
Avineri, pp. 194-207  
Gillespie, "War and Bourgeoisification in the Thought of Hegel," (E-Reserve)
- 16 "Ethical Life," paragraphs 341-360  
Avineri, chp. 12
- 18 Review

**Other suggested readings:**

*Intellectual Context of Hegel's Thought:*

Frederick Beiser, The Fate of Reason: German Philosophy from Kant to Fichte

Henrich, Dieter, Hegel im Kontext

George A. Kelly, Idealism, Politics and History: Sources of Hegelian Thought

*On Hegel's Early Thought:*

H. S. Harris, Hegel's Development: Toward the Sunlight, 1770-1801

H. S. Harris, Hegel's Development: Night Thoughts (Jena, 1801-1806)

Georg Lukacs, The Young Hegel

Herbert Marcuse, Reason and Revolution: Hegel and the Rise of Social Theory

Ritter, Joachim, Hegel und die Französische Revolution

*On the Phenomenology:*

H.S. Harris, Hegel's Ladder: A Commentary on Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit

Martin Heidegger, Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit

Jean Hyppolite, Genesis and Structure of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit

Robert Pippin, Hegel's Idealism: The Satisfactions of Self-Consciousness

Pöggeler, Otto, Hegels Idee einer Phänomenologie des Geistes

*On Hegel's Political Philosophy*

Dallmayr, Fred, G. W. F. Hegel: Modernity and Politics

Marx, Karl, Critique of Hegel's 'Philosophy of Right'

Z. A. Pelczynski, ed., Hegel's Political Philosophy: Problems and Perspectives

Manfred Riedel, Between Tradition and Revolution: The Hegelian Transformation of Political Philosophy

Riedel, Manfred, ed., Materialien zu Hegels Rechtsphilosophie

Judith Shklar, Freedom and Independence: A Study of the Political Ideas of Hegel's Phenomenology of Mind

*On Hegel's Thought as a Whole*

Frederick Beiser, The Cambridge Companion to Hegel

Emile Fackenheim, The Religious Dimension in Hegel's Thought

Hans-Georg Gadamer, Hegel's Dialectic

David Kolb, The Critique of Pure Modernity

Alasdair MacIntyre, ed., Hegel: A Collection of Critical Essays

Terry Pinkard, Hegel: A Biography

Stanley Rosen, G. W. F. Hegel: An Introduction to the Science of Wisdom

Rosenkranz, Karl, G. W. F. Hegels Leben

Charles Taylor, Hegel

Wahl, Jean, Le Malheur de la conscience dans la philosophie de Hegel