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Department of History
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HIEU 153 History of Socialism

Room: Warren Lecture Hall 211
Time: Monday, 5-6.20 pm and Wednesday, 5-6.20 pm
Office Hours: Wednesday, 3.30 pm-4.50 pm, H&SS, Room 4005

Course Description

This course gives an introduction to social and socialist thought in the 19th and 20th century. It will deal with the core ideas of a future society as well as with the different strategies of socialist parties and movements. It will also offer a survey of the development of some selected socialist systems.

Readings

The following **required books** are available at the UCSD Bookstore:

1. *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, ed. by Tom Bottomore, Laurence Harris, V. G. Kiernan and Ralph Miliband, 2nd edition, Malden et al. 1991.
2. Sheri Berman, *The Primacy of Politics. Social Democracy and the Making of Europe's Twentieth Century*, Cambridge 2006.
3. Robert Service, *Comrades! A History of World Communism*, Cambridge, Mass. 2007.

The following **recommended** books are available at the UCSD Bookstore or can be ordered:

1. Geoff Eley, *Forging Democracy. The History of the Left in Europe, 1850-2000*, Oxford 2000.
2. Darrow Schecter, *The History of the Left from Marx to the Present. Theoretical Perspectives*, New York/London 2007.

General Course Requirements

The course requirements include a midterm exam (30 %), an essay (6-8 pages, plus a bibliography, 30 %) and a final exam (40 %). To pass this class you must reasonably satisfy all the course requirements! Except where extensions are arranged in advance, 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 a bibliography) will follow.

Midterm Exam: Wednesday, November 3, 2010, 5-6.20 pm, Warren Lecture Hall 211

Paper: Wednesday, November 24, 2010, 5 pm

Final Exam: Thursday, December 9, 2010, 7-9.59 pm, TBA

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. 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.

Schedule Plan

- Week 1: What's left? Introduction**
- September 27: General Outlines
- September 29: Terminology
- Readings: Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*, 4th edition, London/New York 2007, pp. 99-115
- Week 2: Analyses and Utopias I**
- October 4: Precursors: Utopias in Ancient Times and in Early Modern Europe
- Utopian Socialism
- Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies. A Reader*, ed. by Terence Ball and Richard Dagger, 7th edition, New York et al. 2009, pp. 191-201; *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 561-563
- October 6: Guest Lecture: Prof. Patrick Patterson (UCSD), The Evolution of Modern Capitalism
- Week 3: Analyses and Utopias II**
- October 11: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels 1
- October 13: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels 2
- Readings: *Ideals and Ideologies. A Reader*, ed. by Terence Ball and Richard Dagger, 7th edition, New York et al. 2009, pp. 202-214; *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 11-16, 45-48, 84-88, 105f., 151f., 340-347 and 476-480
- Week 4: Analyses and Utopias III**
- October 18: Anarchism
- Readings: *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 21-23; Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*, 4th edition, London/New York 2007, pp. 175-202
- October 20: The Renaissance of the Left (Critical Theory and Pierre Bourdieu)
- Readings: *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 4f., 208-213 and 335f.; Schechter, *The History of the Left from Marx to the Present*, pp. 71-105

Week 5: Strategies and Tactics I

October 25: Leninism

Readings: *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 308-312; *Service, Comrades!* pp. 58-81

October 27: Stalinism

Readings: *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, pp. 516-520; *Service, Comrades!* pp. 142-152 and 179-189

Week 6: Strategies and Tactics II

November 1: Social Democracy

Readings: Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies. An Introduction*, 4th edition, London/New York 2007, pp. 129-141

November 3: Midterm Exam

Week 7: Communist Systems

November 8: The Soviet Union and the Soviet Bloc After 1945

Readings: *Service, Comrades!* pp. 239-250 and 379-390

November 10: "Real existierender Sozialismus": The German Democratic Republic (GDR)

Readings: Dietrich Orlow, *A History of Modern Germany. 1871 to Present*, Upper Saddle River (NJ) 2008 (chapter 10: The German Democratic Republic, 1949-1990, pp. 299-333)

Week 8: Totalitarianism

November 15: The Concept of Totalitarianism

Readings: Barbara Goodwin, *Using Political Ideas*, 5th edition, Chichester 2007, pp. 177-197

November 17: Nazism as a Variant of Socialism?

Readings: Berman, *The Primacy of Politics*, pp. 125-151

Week 9: A Third Way?

November 22: Welfare States in Western Europe

Readings: Readings: Berman, *The Primacy of Politics*, pp. 152-199

November 24: New Social Movements and the Critics of Globalization

Due date for the paper

Readings: Eley, *Forging Democracy*, pp. 457-490

Week 10: What's left?

November 29: A Résumé

December 1: *Herbert's Hippopotamus. A Story about Revolution in Paradise*. A documentary by Paul Alexander Juutilainen (USA 1996)

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