# POLS 4930/5930 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pog

Political Theology by Carl Schmitt
The Plague by Albert Camus
Justice and the Politics of Difference by Iris Marion Young
Achieving Our Country by Richard Rorty

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### **Important Dates**

March 5-7 Spring Break (no classes)
March 28-29 Easter holiday (no classes)

#### **Course Outline**

**Dates** Topic

### January 17 Introduction to the Course and Nietzsche Part I

Readings:

-George Steiner, (Optional)

- Fukuyama "The End of History" http://www.wesjones.com/eoh.htm
- Nietzsche pp.29-50
- Nietzsche Human, All-Too-Human pp.51-64

# January 24 Nietzsche and The Will to Power

Readings:

- Nietzsche The Gay Science pp.93-102
- Nietzsche Thus Spoke Zarathustra pp.103-259
- Nietzsche Beyond Good and Evil pp.443-47
- Nietzsche Toward a Genealogy of Morals pp.450-54

### January 31 Carl Schmidt and Political Theology

Readings:

-Schmidt Political Theology (all)

### February 7 Lenin and Revolution

\*Readings:

- -Lenin "The Party"
- -Lenin "Revolution"
- -Lenin "Imperialism"
- -Lenin "The State"
- -Lenin "The National Question"
- -Lenin "Philosophy"

# Examination One Handed out on February 7<sup>th</sup> Examination One Due in Class on February 14<sup>th</sup>

### February 14 Arendt and Totalitarianism

\*Readings:

- -Arendt "The Perplexities of the Rights of Man" pp. 31-45
- -Arendt "Expansion" pp. 104-118
- -Arendt "Total Domination" pp. 119-145
- -Arendt "Organized Guilt and Universal Responsibility" pp. 146-156

# April 17 Rorty on Solidarity and Pragmatism

Readings:

- Rorty Achieving Our Country (all)

### April 24 Iris Marion Young and the Politics of Difference

Readings:

- Young Justice and the Politics of Difference chs. 1-4

# May 1 McIntyre and Tradition

\*Readings:

- -MacIntyre "Notes from the Moral Wilderness" pp. 31-49
- -MacIntyre "The Claims of After Virtue" pp. 69-72
- -MacIntyre "After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory (extracts) pp. 73-101

Examination Three Handed out in Class on May  $1^{\rm st}$  Examination Three Due via Email on or before May  $10^{\rm th}$ 

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