

PPE Prelim
Introduction to Politics: Theorising the Democratic State - Themes

Lectures

Michaelmas Term 2009 Tuesday 10.00 Examination Schools
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The reading and references for these lectures are as on the reading list published by the Department of Politics:
http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/teaching/ug/reading_lists/prelims/

The powerpoint presentation for each lecture will be available each week from my website:
<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~efrazer/teaching.htm>

Later in the term there will be Weblearn course site, on which you can post questions and queries; as soon as the site address is available I will announce it.

- Week 1. **Democracy and Freedom**
- Week 2. **Majorities and Representation**
- Week 3. **Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy**
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- Week 5: **Who rules?**
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- Week 7: **Political theory and justification**
- Week 8: **Freedom, Democracy and State.**

Associated topics, from the Dept reading list; and references from the lectures.

Week 1. **Democracy and Freedom**

Associated topics from the department reading list: 1: The nature and grounds of democracy; 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?; 5: The public choice approach to democracy; 6. Liberty: its nature and its limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty.

Berlin, Isaiah. *Four Essays on Liberty*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1969.

Dahl, Robert. *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.

Hayek, F.A. *The Constitution of Liberty*. London: Routledge, 1960.

McLean, Iain. *Public Choice: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1987.

Mill, John Stuart. "On Liberty." In *On Liberty and Other Writings*, edited by Stefan Collini, 5-115. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989 fp 1859.

Mill, John Stuart. "Considerations on Representative Government." In *Utilitarianism, on Liberty and Considerations on Representative Government*, edited by H B Acton, 187-428. London: J.M.Dent and Sons, 1972 fp 1861.

Miller, David, ed. *Liberty, Oxford Readings in Politics and Government*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Week 2. **Majorities and Representation**

Associated topic: 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?

Barry, Brian. "Is Democracy Special?" In *Democracy and Power: Essays in Political Theory 1*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991 fp 1979.

Burke, Edmund 'Speech to the Electors of Bristol' 1774:

<http://presspubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html>

Dahl, Robert. *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.

Locke, John. *Two Treatises of Government*. Critical Edition by Peter Laslett ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960 fp 1690.

Macaulay, Catharine. *On Burke's Reflections on the French Revolution*. Introduction Jonathan Wordsworth ed. Washington DC: Woodstock Books, 1997 fp 1790.

Manin, Bernard. *The Principles of Representative Government*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

Mansbridge, Jane. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes'." *The Journal of Politics* 61, no. 3 (1999): 628-57.

Mansbridge, Jane. "Rethinking Representation." *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 4 (2003): 515-28.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. "The Social Contract." In *The Social Contract and Other Later Political Writings*, edited by Victor Gourevitch. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997 fp 1762.

Week 3. **Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy**

Associated topic: 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?

Cohen, Joshua. "Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy." In *The Good Polity*, edited by Alan Hamlin and Philip Pettit, 17-34. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1989.

Fishkin, James. *Democracy and Deliberation: new directions for democratic reform* 1991

Habermas, Jurgen. *Moral Consciousness and Communicative Action*. Translated by Christian Lenhardt and Shierry Weber Nicholson. Introduction by Thomas McCarthy ed. Cambridge Mass: MIT Press, 1990 fp German 1983.

Miller, David. "Deliberative Democracy and Social Choice." *Political Studies* 40, no. 1 (1992): 54-67.

Smith, Adam. *The Wealth of Nations*. Ed and Intro Andrew Skinner, reprinted with revisions fp 1970 ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1974, fp 1776.

Smith, Adam. *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. Edited by Knud Haakonssen, Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002 (fp 1759).

Week 4: **Elitism**

Associated topic: 2. Power and influence in a democratic state; 2.2. Who rules in a democracy?

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. J C A Gaskin ed ed, *World's Classics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996 fp 1651.

Machiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince*. Translated by George Bull, *Penguin Classics*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1961 fp 1532.

McLean, Iain. *Public Choice: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1987.

Schumpeter, Joseph. A. *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*. Introduction by Richard Swedberg ed. London: Routledge, 1992 fp 1942.

Week 5: **Who rules?**

Associated topics: 3. Ideology and democratic politics; 3.1. The nature of ideology; 3.2. Ideology and political practice

Dahl, Robert (1961), *Who Governs?* (New Haven CT: Yale University Press).

Dahl, Robert (1989), *Democracy and its Critics* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

Foucault, Michel (1980), *Power/Knowledge: selected interviews and other writings*, trans. Colin Gordon (ed Colin Gordon edn.; Brighton: Harvester).

Foucault, Michel (2000 fp 1973), 'Truth and Juridical Forms', in James D. Faubion (ed.), *Michel Foucault Power (Essential Works of Foucault 1954-1984, Volume 3)* (Harmondsworth: Penguin), 1-89.

Lukes, Steven (1974), *Power: a Radical View* (Basingstoke: Macmillan Education Limited).

Marx, Karl (1897 fp German 1852), *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte* (Rare Reprint edn.: Kessinger Publishing).

Marx, Karl (1937 fp 1875), *Critique of the Gotha Programme* (Moscow: Progress Publishers).

Mill, John Stuart (1972 fp 1861), 'Considerations on Representative Government', in H B Acton (ed.), *Utilitarianism, On Liberty and Considerations on Representative Government* (London: J.M.Dent and Sons), 187-428.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques (1997 fp 1762), 'The Social Contract', in Victor Gourevitch (ed.), *The Social Contract and other later political writings* (Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Week 6: **Associational Life**

Associated topics: 4: Democracy and associational life; 4.2. The role of civil society; 5: The public choice approach to democracy

Almond, Gabriel A., and Sidney Verba. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1963.

Almond, Gabriel A., and Sidney Verba, eds. *The Civic Culture Revisited*. London: Sage Publications, 1980.

Banfield, Edward C. *The Moral Basis of a Backward Society*. Chicago: The Free Press, 1958.

Havel, Vaclav. *The Power of the Powerless: Citizens against the State in Central-Eastern Europe*. Translated by Paul Wilson. Armonk, NY: M.E.Sharpe Inc, 1990.

Hume, David. *Essays, Literary, Moral and Political*. London: Ward, Lock and Co., nd fp 1741-2.

Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. Translated by Samuel Moore. Reproduction of 1888 translation by Samuel Moore; fp 1971. ed. Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1977 fp 1848.

Marx, Karl. *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*. Rare Reprint ed: Kessinger Publishing, 1897 fp German 1852.

Marx, Karl. *Capital Volume 1*. London: Lawrence and Wishart, 1954 fp 1867.

Schumpeter, Joseph. A. *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*. Introduction by Richard Swedberg ed. London: Routledge, 1992 fp 1942.

Smith, Adam. *The Wealth of Nations*. Ed and Intro Andrew Skinner, reprinted with revisions fp 1970 ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1974, fp 1776.

Tocqueville, Alexis de. *Democracy in America*. 2 vols. Vol. Vols I and II. New York: Vintage Books, 1945 fp English 1835/1840.

Tocqueville, Alexis de. *The Ancien Regime and the French Revolution*. Translated by Stuart Gilbert. Introduction Hugh Brogan ed. London: Fontana, 1966 fp French 1856.

Week 7: **Political theory and justification**

Associated topics: 1: The nature and grounds of democracy; 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?; 6. Liberty: its nature and its limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty.

Cohen, G.A. (2008), *Rescuing Justice and Equality* (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press).

Dahl, Robert (1989), *Democracy and its Critics* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

Leopold, David and Stears, Marc (eds.) (2008), *Political Theory: Methods and Approaches* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Week 8: **Freedom, Democracy and State.**

Associated topics: 6: Liberty: its nature and limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty; 6.3. The limits of liberty

Berlin, Isaiah. *Four Essays on Liberty*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1969.

Hayek, F. A. *The Constitution of Liberty*. London: Routledge, 1960.

MacCallum, Gerald C. "Negative and Positive Freedom." In *Liberty*, edited by David Miller. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991 pp 196-7.

Mill, John Stuart. "On Liberty." In *On Liberty and Other Writings*, edited by Stefan Collini, 5-115. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989 pp 185-9.

Skinner, Quentin. *Liberty before Liberalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Taylor, Charles. "What's Wrong with Negative Liberty?" In *Philosophy and the Human Sciences: Philosophical Papers 2*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985 pp 197-9.

Introduction Politics, State and Society PART ONE: POLITICS, POWER, POLITICAL LEGITIMACY AND THE STATE Founding Arguments Theorizing Politics, Power and the State Legitimacy and Power in the United Kingdom PART TWO: SOCIETY AND THE STATE (Re)defining Politics Neoliberalism and the State The Politics of the Welfare and the Welfare State Northern Ireland, Political Violence and the Politics of Terrorism PART THREE: THE. FUTURE OF POLITICS AND THE STATE Social Class, Postmodernism and the End ofâ€¦ CONTINUE READING. View PDF. Save to Library. Create Alert. Cite. We explore various attributes that characterize democratic states and differentiate them from authoritarian regimes. We then examine processes of democratization, the breakdown of democracy, and the debate regarding the relationship between democracy and economic development. We conclude the unit by exploring the contemporary case of the Arab Spring.Â Read this article. The author attempts to assess the state of democracy worldwide through an examination of four concepts of democracy. Center for Strategic and International Studies: "The Arab Spring: Prospects for Democracy" Page. Watch this discussion of the Arab Spring and prospects for democracy in the Middle East. Describe the dynamic of political demand and political supply in determining the democratic "will of the people". 17.3. The De-Centring of the State: Terrorism, War, Empire, and Political Exceptionalism. Identify and describe factors of political exception that affect contemporary political life. 17.4. Theoretical Perspectives on Government and Power. Understand how functionalists, critical sociologists, and symbolic interactionists view government and politics. Introduction to Government and Politics. In one of Max Weber's last public lectures"â€œPolitics as a Vocation" (1919)â€œhe asked, what is