REVIEWING LIST FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION IN POLITICAL THEORY

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Requirements

Majors should prepare for questions based on reading from the entire reading list. Minors should prepare for questions based on reading from the core list and any one of the satellite lists.

CORE LIST

Plato, The Republic

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics Books I, II, V, VIII, X; Politics

Polybius, Rise of the Roman Empire, Book I paragraphs 1-10 (“Introduction”) and Book VI

Cicero, The Republic

Augustine, City of God, Books I, VIII (ch.s 4-11), XII, XIV, XIX, XXII (ch.s 23-24, 29-30)

Aquinas, Summa Theologica, Questions 42, 66, 90-92, 94-97, 105

Niccolò Machiavelli, The Prince; Discourses (as selected in Selected Political Writings, ed. David Wootton)

Jean Bodin, On Sovereignty (ed. Julian Franklin)


John Locke, Second Treatise of Government; “A Letter Concerning Toleration”

Montesquieu, *Spirit of the Laws* (as selected in *Selected Political Writings*, ed. Melvin Richter)

Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Part I ("On the propriety of action"); Part II, Section II ("Of justice and beneficence"); Part IV ("On the effect of utility on the sentiment of approbation")

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality; On The Social Contract*


James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, no.s 1, 9, 10, 37, 39, 40, 48, 49, 51, 62, 78

Sieyes, *What Is The Third Estate?*


Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*; “Speech to the Electors of Bristol”

Thomas Paine, *The Rights of Man* (Part II)

Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Men; A Vindication of The Rights of Woman*

Jeremy Bentham, *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, ch.s 1-5, 7, 14-15

Benjamin Constant, “The Liberty of the Ancients Compared with that of the Moderns”

G.W.F Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*; Preface; Part 3, sections 2 and 3 ("Civil Society" and “The State”)

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, vol. 1: Author's Introduction; Part I ch.s 3-4; Part II ch.s 1-9; vol. 2: Part I ch.s 7, 15-17; Part II ch.s 1-13; Part III ch.s 8-13, 21; Part IV ch.s 1-8
Karl Marx, “On the Jewish Question”; German Ideology, Part I; Manifesto of the Communist Party; The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte; Capital vol.1, ch.s 1, 10, 14, 15, 26-33; “Critique of the Gotha Program”

John Stuart Mill, On Liberty; Utilitarianism

Friedrich Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals, Essays I and II

Max Weber, “Politics as a Vocation”; Economy and Society, vol. 1, Part One, ch.s 1, 3, 4.

Max Weber, Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism

Edward Bernstein, Evolutionary Socialism

M.K. Gandhi, “Hind Swaraj” or Indian Home Rule

L.T. Hobhouse, Liberalism

Carl Schmitt, The Concept of the Political

M.K. Gandhi, “Hind Swaraj” or Indian Home Rule

Karl Polanyi, The Great Transformation


Isaiah Berlin, “Two Concepts of Liberty”

Friedrich Hayek, The Constitution of Liberty, Part One

Hannah Arendt, On Revolution

John Rawls, A Theory of Justice

Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish, Part I: "Torture" (3-69); Part II: "Punishment" (73-131); Part III, ch. 3 on "Panopticism" (195-228); Part IV: "Prison" (231-308).

Jürgen Habermas, Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere (Parts 1-3, 5,6)

Jürgen Habermas, Between Facts and Norms, ch.s 3, 7, 8

Judith Shklar, “The Liberalism of Fear”
**SATellite 1: Justice, Rights, and Constitutionalism**


John Austin, *The Province of Jurisprudence Determined*, Lecture 1 and Lecture 6, pp. 191-267

Wesley Newcomb Hohfeld, *Fundamental Legal Conceptions as Applied in Judicial Reasoning*


H. L. A. Hart, *The Concept of Law*

Lon Fuller, *The Morality of Law*


Bruce Ackerman, *We the People: Foundations*, ch.s. 1, 7, 9-11 [JS]


Stephen Holmes, “Precommitment and the Paradox of Democracy,” in Jon Elster and Rune Slagstad, eds., *Constitutionalism and Democracy*

Jeremy Waldron, “Precommitment and Disagreement,” in *Law and Disagreement*

Martha Nussbaum, *Women and Human Development: Introduction and* ch.2

Alasdair MacIntyre, *After Virtue*, ch.s 3-6, 10-12, 17

Susan Moller Okin, *Justice, Gender, and the Family*, ch.s 1, 3, 5, 7


Hannah Arendt, “What is Liberty?” and “What is Authority?”

Martin Luther King, Jr., “Letter from a Birmingham Jail”

Claude Lefort, “Politics and Human Rights,” in *The Political Forms of Modern Society*


Will Kymlicka, “Territorial Boundaries: A Liberal-Egalitarian Perspective,” in David Miller and Sohail H. Hashmi, eds., *Boundaries and Justice: Diverse Ethical Perspectives*

Philip Pettit, *Republicanism*, ch. 1

Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*, ch.s 1, 3, 4, 5

John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*


Thomas Christiano, “The Legitimacy of International Institutions,” *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Law*


**SATELLITE 2: DEMOCRACY AND ITS ALTERNATIVES**

Jeremy Bentham, *Essays on Political Tactics*, ch. 2 ("On Publicity")

Benjamin Constant, “Principles of Politics Applicable to all Representative Governments,” in *Political Writings*, ed. Biancamaria Fontana

J. S. Mill, *Considerations on Representative Government* Preface, ch.s1-18
Carl Schmitt, *The Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy*


Edmund Morgan, *Inventing the People*, ch.s 4, 5, 6


Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Democratic Theory*

Robert Dahl, *Democracy and Its Critics*, ch. 8


Jürgen Habermas, “Three Normative Models of Democracy,” in Seyla Benhabib ed., *Democracy and Difference*

Claude Lefort, *Democracy and Political Theory*, Introduction and ch. 1

Hanna F. Pitkin, *The Concept of Representation*, ch.s 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

Bernard Manin, *The Principles of Representative Government*, Introduction and ch.s 1, 4, 6

Adam Przeworski, *Democracy and the Market*, ch. 1

Adam Przeworski, “Minimalist Conception of Democracy,” in Shapiro and Hacker-Cordon, eds., *Democracy’s Value*


Gerald Mackie, *Democracy Defended*, ch. 4.


Johan Caspar Bluntschli “What Is a Political Party?” in *Perspectives on Political Parties*, ed. Susan E. Scarrow pp. 75-81


Antonio Gramsci, The Modern Prince


Giovanni Sartori, Parties and Party System, ch. 1: “The party as part”


Pierre Rosanvallon, Counter-democracy: Politics in an age of distrust, pp. 1-57, 121-123, 191-193, 249-273

Claus Offe, “Political Legitimation Through Majority Rule,” Social Research 50 (1983), n. 4


C. Wright Mills, The Power Elite, ch.s 1, 11, and 12

Hannah Arendt, Origins of Totalitarianism, ch.s 4 (pp 89–120), ch.6 and ch. 9 (pp. 267–302)


Clinton Rossiter, Constitutional Dictatorship [1949], Transaction Publishers, 2009, ch.s 1 and 2

Juan Linz, “Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes” in Greenstein & Polsby (eds), Handbook of Political Science Vol.3, ch.3 (1975)


Leszek Kolakowski, Main Currents of Marxism, book III, ch. 3 (“Marxism as the Ideology of the Soviet State”)

Margaret Canovan, The People (2005)


Mahmood Mamdani, Citizen and Subject, pp. 16-27, 48-61, 72-82, 90-102
SATELLITE 3: POWER, IDEOLOGY AND IDENTITY


Karl Mannheim, *Ideology and Utopia*, ch. s, 1, 2 and 4

Sally Haslanger, *Resisting Reality*, ch. 17

Bhikhu Parekh, *Superior People: The Narrowsness of Liberalism from Mill to Rawls*

Uday Mehta, “Liberal Strategies of Exclusion,” in *Tensions of Empire*, eds. Fred Cooper and Ann Stoler

Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble*

Edward Said, *Orientalism*

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex, vol. I*, "Introduction" (3-20) and ch. 1: "Biological Data" (21-48); vol. II, chapter 10 "Women's Situation and Character" (638-666); and ch. 14 "The Independent Woman" (721-752)


Habermas, *Legitimation Crisis*, pp. 10-94


Catherine MacKinnon, *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State* (Harvard U. Press, 1989), ch. 1 ("The Problem of Marxism and Feminism", pp. 3-12); ch. 3 (A Marxist Critique of Feminism" pp. 37-59) and ch. 8 ("The Liberal State" pp. 157-170)

Steven Lukes (ed.), *Power* (NYU Press, 1986)

Alvin Goldman, "Toward a theory of social power", *Philosophical Studies* 1972

Jürgen Habermas, “Technology and Science as Ideology,” in Theory and Practice

Franz L. Neumann, Anxiety and Politics

Michael Foucault, The History of Sexuality, Part One

Gerry Cohen, “Images of History in Hegel and Marx” (ch. 1 of Karl Marx’s Theory of History: A Defense)

Claude Lefort, “Marx: From One Vision of History to Another,” in The Political Forms of Modern Society, pp. 139-180


Jürgen Habermas, “Religion in the Public Sphere”


Charles Taylor, The Secular Age, Introduction, ch.s 15 and 20

Ernst Renan, “What is a Nation?”

Benedict Anderson, Imagined Communities

Ronald Beiner, ed., Theorizing Nationalism, essays by, Taylor and Barry

Yael Tamir, Liberal Nationalism, Introduction and ch.s 1, 4


Iris Marion Young, Justice and the Politics of Difference, ch. 2 (“Five Faces of Oppression”)

Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, ch.s 1-3; *The Fact of Blackness*; *Black Skin, White Masks*

Hannah Arendt, “On Violence”

Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, ch.s 2, 3, 4, 6


Brian Barry, *Culture and Equality*, ch.s 1-5, 7, 8