

Reading List

This document is a reading list, and a first step, for instructors: its purpose is to direct attention to the texts and passages discussed in each chapter of *A History of Political Thought* and to highlight some relevant (and, in my opinion, the most helpful) secondary sources for students. Of course, no one course can cover all this material in a single semester; that is not realistic or worthwhile. Instead, my intention here is to provide a detailed overview of the book, and by doing so, help instructors to select the chapters that best suit their needs, to decide how much class time each selected chapter warrants, and to provide students with a syllabus of both required primary and supplementary secondary sources.

The following editions were used (and quoted) in the writing of this volume. Wherever possible, I have used the line/original page/section/paragraph numbers (or some other form of universal notation) so that students using different editions of these texts can easily find cited passages.

Aristotle. *Nicomachean Ethics*. Translated and edited by Terence Irwin. 2nd ed. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1999.

– *Politics*. Translated by Ernest Barker. Edited by R.F. Stalley. Oxford: Oxford World's Classics, 1995.

Hayek, Friedrich. *The Constitution of Liberty*. Edited by Ronald Hamowy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011.

– *The Road to Serfdom*. Edited by Bruce Caldwell. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Hegel, G.W.F. *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*. Translated by H.B. Nisbet. Edited by Allen W. Wood. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. Edited by C.B. Macpherson. London: Penguin Classics, 1985.

Kant, Immanuel. *Political Writings*. Translated by H.B. Nisbet. Edited by Hans Reiss. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge, 1991.

Keynes, John Maynard. *The Essential Keynes*. Edited by Robert Skidelsky. London: Penguin, 2016.

Lenin, Vladimir. *The Collected Works*. Translated by J. Finberg and G. Hanna. Edited by Victor Jerome. Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1960.

Locke, John. *Second Treatise of Government*. Edited by C.B. Macpherson. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2011.

Machiavelli, Niccolò. *The Prince*. Translated and edited by David Wootton. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1995.

Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. *The Marx-Engels Reader*. Edited by Robert C. Tucker. 2nd ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 1978.

Nietzsche, Friedrich. *Basic Writings*. Translated and edited by Walter Kaufmann. New York: Modern Library, 2000.

Piketty, Thomas. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Translated by Arthur Goldhammer. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013).

Plato. *Republic*. Translated by G.M.A. Grube. Edited by C.D.C. Reeve. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1992.

Rawls, John. *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*. Edited by Erin Kelly. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003.

- *A Theory of Justice*. Rev. ed. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999.
- Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. *The Basic Political Writings*. Translated and edited by Donald A. Cress. 2nd ed. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2011.
- Smith, Adam. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*. Edited by R.H. Campbell and A.S. Skinner. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1982.
- Tawney, R.H. *The Acquisitive Society*. London: Collins, 1961.
- *Equality*. 4th ed. London: Unwin Books, 1964.

Chapter 1

Required Reading

- Aquinas, Thomas. *Summa Theologiae*, 2.2.77–8.
- Aristotle. *Nicomachean Ethics*, 1103a15–b25, 1112b9–13a14, 1172a1–14.
- *Politics*, 1252a1–3b22, 1256a1–60b19, 1262b39–4a1, 1280a25–b31, 1281a11–b37, 1295a25–6b2, 1302a22–b32, 1304b19–5a28.
- Plato. *Republic*, 358b–e, 414d–20b, 473b–80a, 484d–501a, books 8 and 9.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

- Bloom, Allan. *Interpretive Essay on Plato's Republic*. 3rd ed. New York: Basic Books, 2016.
- Polanyi, Karl. *Trade and Markets in the Early Empires: Economies in History and Theory*, esp. chapter 5, "Aristotle Discovers the Economy." Washington: Henry Regnery, 1971.
- Reeve, C.D.C. *Philosopher-Kings: The Argument of Plato's Republic*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2006.

Chapter 2

Required Reading

- Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*, books 1 and 2, with a special focus on 1.1–3, 1.5–6, 1.10–15, 2.14, 2.18, 2.20–1, 2.24, and 2.30–1.
- Machiavelli, Niccolò. *The Prince*, with a special focus on chapters 1, 3, 5, 7–10, 15–19, and 21.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

- Bock, Gisela, Quentin Skinner, and Maurizio Viroli, eds. *Machiavelli and Republicanism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Pocock, J.G.A. *The Machiavellian Moment: Florentine Political Thought and the Atlantic Republican Tradition*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1975.
- Macpherson, C.B. *Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- Skinner, Quentin. *Machiavelli*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1981.
- Strauss, Leo. *Natural Right and History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1965.

Chapter 3

Required Reading

- Locke, John. *Second Treatise of Government*, with a special focus on chapters 1–5, 7–14, and 18–19.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Dunn, John. *The Political Thought of John Locke: An Historical Account of the Argument of the Two Treatises of Government*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1969.

Macpherson, C.B. *Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Seligser, Martin. *The Liberal Politics of John Locke*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1969.

Chapter 4

Required Reading

Kant, Immanuel. Selections from *Political Writings*, “Idea of a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose,” “On the Common Saying: ‘This May Be True in Theory But Does Not Apply in Practice,’” “Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch,” and “The Metaphysics of Morals.”

Smith, Adam. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, 1.1–4, 1.7, 1.10, 2.2, 3.4, 4.1–3, 4.5, 4.7–9, and 5.1.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Bohman, James, and Matthias Lutz-Bachmann, eds. *Perpetual Peace: Essays on Kant’s Cosmopolitan Ideal*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997.

Fleischacker, Samuel. *On Adam Smith’s Wealth of Nations: A Philosophical Companion*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004.

Guyer, Paul. *Kant on Freedom, Law and Happiness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

Haakonssen, Knud. *The Science of a Legislator*, esp. chapter 4. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1981.

Muller, Jerry Z. *Adam Smith in His Time and Ours*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993.

Wood, Allen W. *Kant’s Ethical Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Chapter 5

Required Reading

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. Selections from *Basic Political Writings*: “Discourse on the Origin of Inequality” and “On the Social Contract,” with a special focus on 1.7–9 and 2.11.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Cohen, Joshua. *Rousseau: A Free Community of Equals*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Dent, Nicholas. *Rousseau: An Introduction to His Psychological, Social and Political Theory*. New York: Blackwell, 1988.

Melzer, Arthur. *The Natural Goodness of Man: On the System of Rousseau’s Thought*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

Wokler, Robert. *Rousseau*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Chapter 6

Required Reading

Hegel, G.W.F. *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, “Preface” and §§4–21, §§44–9, §§142–3, §§148–51, §§158–80, §§182–208, §§235–45 and §§287–97.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Avineri, Shlomo. *Hegel's Theory of the Modern State*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1972.

Beiser, Frederick. *Hegel*. New York: Routledge, 2005.

Taylor, Charles. *Hegel and Modern Society*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

Pippin, Robert B. *Hegel's Practical Philosophy: Rational Agency as Ethical Life*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Wood, Allen W. *Hegel's Ethical Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.

Chapter 7

Required Reading

Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. Selections from *The Marx-Engels Reader*: "Preface to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy," "Discovering Hegel (Marx to His Father)," "For a Ruthless Critique of Everything Existing (Marx to Arnold Ruge)," "Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right," "On the Jewish Question," "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844," "Theses on Feuerbach," "Manifesto of the Communist Party," "Critique of the Gotha Program," "The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte," and "The Civil War in France."

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Avineri, Shlomo. *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970.

Berlin, Isaiah. *Karl Marx: His Life and Environment*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013.

Cohen, G.A. *History, Labour and Freedom: Themes from Marx*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1988.

Lukes, Steven. *Marxism and Morality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987.

Tucker, Robert C. *Philosophy and Myth in Karl Marx*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1961.

Wood, Allen W. *Karl Marx*. New York: Routledge, 1981.

Chapter 8

Required Reading

Lenin, Vladimir. Selections from *The Collected Works*: "The Tasks of the Russian Social-Democrats (5.2)," "What Is to Be Done?" (5.5)," "Two Tactics of Social Democracy in the Democratic Revolution" (5.9), "Lecture on the 1905 Revolution" (5.23), "State and Revolution" (5.25), "The Immediate Tasks of the Soviet Government" (5.27), "Letter to the American Workers" (5.28), "The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky" (5.28), and "Left-Wing Communism: An Infantile Disorder" (5.31).

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Lukács, Georg. *Lenin: A Study on the Unity of His Thought*. London: Verso, 2009.

Service, Robert. *Lenin: A Biography*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2002.

Wolfe, Bertram D. *Three Who Made the Revolution*. New York: Cooper Square, 1948.

Chapter 9

Required Reading

Tawney, R.H. *The Acquisitive Society*, with a special focus on chapters 2–4, 6–7, and 11.

– *Equality*, with a special focus on chapters 5–6.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Goldman, Lawrence. *The Life of R.H. Tawney: Socialism and History*. London: Bloomsbury, 2013.

Rogan, Tim. *The Moral Economists*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017.

Terrill, Ross. *R.H. Tawney: Socialism as Fellowship*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1973.

Wright, Anthony. *R.H. Tawney*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1987.

Chapter 10

Required Reading

Nietzsche, Friedrich. Selections from *Basic Writings*: “On the Genealogy of Morals,” with a special focus on “Preface,” “First Essay,” “Second Essay,” “Beyond Good and Evil,” with a special focus on parts 2–3, 5–6, and 9, and “Ecce Homo,” parts 2 and 3.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Kaufmann, Walter. *Nietzsche: Philosopher, Psychologist, Antichrist*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1975.

Leiter, Brian. *Nietzsche on Morality*. New York: Routledge, 2002.

Owen, David. *Nietzsche, Politics, and Modernity: A Critique of Liberal Reason*. New York: Sage, 1995.

Richardson, John. *Nietzsche’s System*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Solomon, Robert C. *Living with Nietzsche: What the Great “Immoralist” Has to Teach Us*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Chapter 11

Required Reading

Keynes, John Maynard. Selections from *The Essential Keynes* “The Political Doctrines of Edmund Burke,” “Economic Consequences of the Peace,” “The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money” (chapter 24 only), “The End of Laissez-Faire,” “Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren,” “A Short View from Russia,” and “The Arts Council of Great Britain: Its Policies and Hopes.”

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Backhouse, Roger, and Bradley Bateman, *Capitalist Revolutionary: John Maynard Keynes*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2011.

Krugman, Paul. “Introduction” to *Keynes’s General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

Skidelsky, Robert. *John Maynard Keynes: Economist, Philosopher, Statesman*. New York: Penguin, 2003.

– *J.M. Keynes: The Return of the Master*. New York: Penguin, 2010.

Stewart, Michael. *Keynes and After*. London: Penguin, 1999.

Chapter 12

Required Reading

Hayek, Friedrich. *The Constitution of Liberty*, chapters 1–5, 17, and 22.

- *The Road to Serfdom*, chapters 1–4, 6–7, 9, and 12–13.
- “The Uses of Knowledge in Society,” *American Economic Review* 34, no. 4 (1945): 519–30.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Caldwell, Bruce J. *Hayek’s Challenge: An Intellectual Biography of F.A. Hayek*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.

Gray, John. *Hayek on Liberty*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1984.

Hunt, Louis, and Peter McNamara, eds. *Liberalism, Conservatism and Hayek’s Idea of Spontaneous Order*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Shearmur, Jeremy. *Hayek and After: Hayekian Liberalism as a Research Program*. New York: Routledge, 1996.

Chapter 13

Required Reading

Rawls, John. *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*, §§41–3, 45, and 49.

- *A Theory of Justice*. “Preface,” §§1–3, 12, 17, 41–3, 63–5, 67, and 79–82.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Audard, Catherine. *John Rawls*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Edmundson, William. *John Rawls: Reluctant Socialist*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Freeman, Samuel. *Rawls*. New York: Routledge, 2007.

Mandle, Jon. *Rawls’s A Theory of Justice: An Introduction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

O’Neill, Martin, and Thad Williamson, eds. *Property-Owning Democracy: Rawls and Beyond*. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

Weithman, Paul. *Why Political Liberalism? On John Rawls’s Political Turn*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Chapter 14

Required Reading

Piketty, Thomas. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. “Introduction,” chapters 5, 7, 11, and 13–15.

Recommended Supplementary Reading

Boushey, Heather, J. Bradford DeLong, and Marshall Steinbaum, eds. *After Piketty: The Agenda for Economics and Inequality*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2017.

Kaufmann, Stephen, and Ingo Stülz. *Piketty’s Capital: An Introduction*. New York: Penguin 2017.

Pressman, Steven. *Understanding Piketty’s Capital*. New York: Routledge, 2016.