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**Political Science 110C:  
Revolution and Reaction: Political Thought from Kant to Nietzsche**

*Course Description*

This course provides an overview of European political thought from the eve of the French Revolution to the end of the nineteenth century. While the readings and lectures will range over a variety of political topics, we'll give special consideration to the following questions: What does it mean to be an individual? What exactly is the relationship between individuality as a normative ideal and the development of capitalism and the liberal state? Can this ideal survive its current challenges? Is it even worth preserving?

*Requirements*

You will be asked to write three short papers during the course of the term on topics assigned by the instructor. Each paper will count for one third of your final grade. Due dates for the papers are listed below in the schedule of readings.

*Grace Days*

Each of you has been allotted two grace days for the term. You may use them to submit one of your papers two calendar days late, or two of your papers one day late each. Prior approval is not necessary. Grace days are not transferable. Once you have exhausted your allotment of grace days, a request for additional time to submit a paper must be extremely urgent or remarkably creative.

Books (available at Groundwork Books)

Paine, Thomas, *Common Sense* (Penguin)  
Burke, Edmund, *Reflections on the Revolution in France* (Hackett)  
Hegel, G.W.F., *Introduction to 'The Philosophy of History'* (Hackett)  
Marx, Karl, *Selected Writings* (Hackett)  
Mill, John Stuart, *On Liberty* (Hackett)  
Nietzsche, Friedrich, *Beyond Good and Evil* (Vintage)

Article (available at the website indicated)

Kant, Immanuel, "An Answer to the Question, What is Enlightenment,"  
<http://www.english.upenn.edu/~mgamer/Romantic/kant.html>

*Schedule of Readings*

**Week One**

Paine, entire

**Week Two**

Kant, entire; Burke, pp. 3-49

**Week Three**

Burke, pp. 49-99, 118-25, 161-3, 213-18; Paper topic #1 assigned

**Week Four**

Hegel, entire; Paper #1 due 4/20/99

**Week Five**

Marx, pp. 1-26, 40-79, 102-156

**Week Six**

Marx, pp. 157-213, 230-43; Paper topic #2 assigned

**Week Seven**

Mill, pp. 1-52; Paper #2 due 5/11/99

**Week Eight**

Mill, pp. 53-113

**Week Nine**

Nietzsche, pp. 9-56, 97-118

**Week Ten**

Nietzsche, pp.145-237; Paper topic #3 assigned

Paper #3 due 6/8/99