COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University College London

Program(s)
University College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Political Science History

UCEAP Course Number
146

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

UCEAP Transcript Title
HIST POLIT THOUGHT

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Contemporary political debate remains indebted to concepts and arguments developed in the history of political thought. This course explores this history by examining a select number of signal figures and movements in the history of modern Western political thought. Students engage in close, critical reading of canonical texts. Students learn how to accurately interpret and critically evaluate the arguments in those texts, and thereby learn how to deal with the legacy those arguments have left for contemporary debates.
Thinkers to be studied might range from the well-known and canonical to the lesser-known and unjustly neglected. Possible figures might include: Thomas Hobbes, Montesquieu, David Hume, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Catharine Macaulay, Ottobah Cugoano, Olaudah Equiano, Olympe de Gouges, Mary Wollstonecraft, G. W. F. Hegel, Flora Tristan, J. S. Mill, Frederick Douglass, and Karl Marx. Possible movements to be examined include: social contract theory; natural rights theory; republicanism and civic virtue; feminism and the rights of women; socialism and the emancipation of workers; and abolitionism and the emancipation of slaves.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
POLS0097

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HISTORY OF POLITICAL THOUGHT

Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
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Host Institution Degree
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