

# POLI5007 Political Thought 2: Progress, Oppression and Liberation (Semester 2)

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144 items

## Weekly readings (37 items)

### Week 1 – Introduction to the Module and Kant (3 items)

Core reading:

**An answer to the question: what is enlightenment?** - in *Toward perpetual peace and other writings on politics, peace, and history*, by Immanuel Kant, ©2006

[Chapter](#) | **Essential** | Essay also available in the print book below

**An Answer to the Question: "What is Enlightenment"?** - in *Kant: political writings*, by Immanuel Kant, 1991

[Chapter](#) | **Essential**

**After progress: Experiments in the revaluation of values** - in *The Sociological Review*, by Martin Savransky; Craig Lundy, 2022

[Article](#) | **Essential**

### Week 2 – Kant and cosmopolitanism (2 items)

Core readings:

**Toward perpetual peace and other writings on politics, peace, and history**, by Immanuel Kant; Pauline Kleingeld; Jeremy Waldron; Michael W. Doyle; Allen W. Wood, ©2006

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Read 'Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose' and 'Perpetual Peace: a Philosophical Sketch' (in the Texts section)

**Kant: political writings**, by Immanuel Kant; Hans Siegbert Reiss, 1991

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Read 'Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose' and 'Perpetual Peace: a Philosophical Sketch'

### Week 3 – Hegel (3 items)

Core readings (choose at least one or two):

**The Philosophy of History**, by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel; Charles Hegel; J. Sibree, 2000

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Read pages 22-25

**Marxists Internet Archive | Hegel**

[Webpage](#) | **Essential** | Please read Introduction to the Philosophy of History, 2. The Means of Realization (a) The Idea and the Individual

**Phenomenology of spirit**, by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel; Arnold V. Miller; J. N. Findlay, 1977, ©1977

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Read 'Lordship and Bondage' from the Phenomenology of Spirit (more famously known as the 'Master/Slave Dialectic')

## Week 4 – Marx (7 items)

Core readings (choose at least one or two):

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**German Ideology**, by Karl Marx, 2000

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See especially the first section on Feuerbach.

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**The German ideology. Part one, with selections from parts two and three, together with Marx's 'Introduction to a critique of political economy'**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels; C. J. Arthur; Karl Marx; Karl Marx; Karl Marx, 1974

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Print book

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**The German Ideology**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Also available from the Marxists Internet Archive

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**The 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels, 2001

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See especially chapter 1

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**The eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte**, by Karl Marx, 1963

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Print book

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**The Communist manifesto**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels; David McLellan, 1998

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Especially chapter one

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**Economic and philosophic manuscripts of 1844**, by Karl Marx; Martin Milligan; Dirk J. Struik, 1970

[Book](#) | **Essential** | Especially Estranged Labour

## Week 5 – The End of History? (2 items)

This lecture will bring together some of the ideas studied in the previous lectures, taking a broader critical overview of the idea of 'history' in Kant, Hegel and Marx, and critically examining Francis Fukuyama's controversial thesis of the 'end of history'.

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**The end of history and the last man**, by Francis Fukuyama, 1993

[Book](#) | If you cannot get hold of a copy of the book, this journal article covers the key points and is written by the same author:

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**The End of History?** - in The National Interest, by Francis Fukuyama, 1989

[Article](#) | **Essential**

## Week 6 - Consolidation and Essay Preparation (1 items)

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No new reading

**Week 7 - Racism, Colonialism and Political Thought** (7 items)

This session examines the relationship between modern European political thought and colonialism, and considers how we should address the racism of canonical philosophers such as Kant and Hegel.

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**Core readings:** (2 items)

**Will the real Kant please stand up: The challenge of Enlightenment racism to the study of the history of philosophy** - in *Radical Philosophy*, by Robert Bernasconi, 2003

[Article](#) | Essential

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**Hegel and Colonialism** - in *Hegel Bulletin*, by Alison Stone, 2020

[Article](#) | Essential

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**Further readings:** (5 items)

**Kant's Racism** - in *Philosophical Papers*, by Lucy Allais, 2016

[Article](#)

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**Hegel and Haiti** - in *Critical Inquiry*, by Susan Buck-Morss, 2000

[Article](#)

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**On the limit of spirit: Hegel's racism revisited** - in *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, by Patricia Purtschert, 2010

[Article](#)

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**Marx and Engels's theory of history: making sense of the race factor** - in *Journal of Political Ideologies*, by Erik van Ree, 2019

[Article](#)

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**Eurocentrism and Modernity (Introduction to the Frankfurt Lectures)** - in *boundary 2*, by Enrique Dussel, 1993

[Article](#)

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**Week 8 - Beauvoir** (2 items)

In this session, we will critically examine Beauvoir's theories about sex/gender-based oppression and male domination, 'othering' as a mechanism of oppression, and women's liberation.

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**Core Reading** (1 items)

**The second sex**, by Simone de Beauvoir; Constance Borde; Sheila Malovany-Chevallier, 2011

[Book](#) | Essential | See especially the Introduction, also chapters 1 and 3 from Volume 1

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**Further Reading** (1 items)

**Simone de Beauvoir: a critical reader**, by Elizabeth Fallaize, 1998

**Book** | The introduction only is available online

## Week 9 – Gender, feminism and political thought (3 items)

In this session we will review the gendered ideas embedded within the work of the thinkers we have studied in the module so far, and ask whether political thought today remains patriarchal or masculinist in character.

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### Core Readings: (2 items)

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**Comparative and Competing Frameworks of Oppression in Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*** - in Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal, by Kathryn Gines, 2014

**Article** | Essential

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**The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: Towards a more Progressive Union** - in Capital & Class, by Heidi I. Hartmann, 1979

**Article** | Essential

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### Further readings: (1 items)

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**Combating Misogyny? Responses to Nietzsche by Turn-of-the-Century German Feminists** - in The Journal of Nietzsche Studies, by Barbara Helm, 2004

**Article**

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## Week 10 – Fanon (2 items)

In this session, we will critically examine Fanon's theories of racialised otherness and anti-Black racism, decolonisation, violence and liberation.

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**The wretched of the earth**, by Frantz Fanon; Constance Farrington; Jean-Paul Sartre, 1965

**Book** | Essential | See especially the chapter 'On Violence' | The library can't buy an eBook version due to publisher restrictions

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**Black skin, white masks**, by Frantz Fanon, 2008

**Book** | Essential | See especially the chapters 'The Fact of Blackness', and 'The Negro and Recognition'

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## Week 11 - Oppression, Liberation and Intersectionality (5 items)

In this session, we will consider how the ideas of philosophers like Beauvoir and Fanon were taken up by Black feminist theorists in the women's liberation movement of the 1970s and 80s, and how 'intersectionality' has emerged as a theoretical framework designed to help us understand how multiple forms of oppression - based upon gender, 'race', class, sexuality, physical ability, nationality - shape and reinforce one another.

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**Beauvoir and Fanon on oppression: Keynote Talk at the University of Sheffield, 2014**, by Alison Stone

**Document** | **Essential**

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**The Combahee River Collective Statement, 1977**, by Combahee River Collective

**Webpage** | **Essential**

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**A Black feminist statement** - in *The second wave: a reader in feminist theory*, by The Combahee River Collective, 1997

**Chapter** | **Essential** | *The Combahee River Collective Statement* - print

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**Women, race, & class**, by Angela Y Davis, 1983

**Book** | **Essential** | Especially chapter 1

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**Women, race and class**, by Angela Y. Davis, 2019

**Book** | **Essential** | Print

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## Primary texts and further reading for essays (107 items)

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### Primary Texts (23 items)

The following primary texts must be read by all students on the module. See your module handbook for more details.

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### Kant, Immanuel (1724 - 1804) (3 items)

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**Kant: political writings**, by Immanuel Kant; Hans Siegbert Reiss, 1991

**Book** | See especially 'Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose'; 'An Answer to the Question: "What is Enlightenment"?' and 'Perpetual Peace: a Philosophical Sketch'.

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See also:

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**Groundwork of the metaphysics of morals**, by Immanuel Kant; Mary J. Gregor, 1998

**Book** | Especially section 1

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### Hegel, G.W.F. (1770-1831) (6 items)

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**Hegel's Philosophy of right**, by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel; T. M. Knox, 1967

**Book** | See especially 'Introduction', and then the openings to Part Two, 'Morality', Part Three, section two, 'Civil Society' and Part Three, section three, 'The State'.

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Alternatively, use:

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**Elements of the Philosophy of Right**, by G.W.F. Hegel, 1991

**Book**

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See also:

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**Lectures on the philosophy of world history: introduction : reason in history**, by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel; Johannes Hoffmeister; H. B. Nisbet; Duncan Forbes, 1980, ©1975

[Book](#)

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**Phenomenology of spirit**, by Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel; Arnold V. Miller; J. N. Findlay, 1977, ©1977

[Book](#) | See the 'Lord and Bondsman' (Master and Slave) passage

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## **Karl Marx (1818-1883) and Friedrich Engels (1820-1895)** (6 items)

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**Economic and philosophic manuscripts of 1844**, by Karl Marx; Martin Milligan; Dirk J. Struik, 1970

[Book](#) | See especially 'Estranged Labour'

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**The Communist manifesto**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels; David McLellan, 1998

[Book](#) | **Essential** | See especially chapters 1 and 2. Several editions of this work are available in the Library and as eBooks.

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**The German ideology, Part one: with selections from Parts two and three, together with Marx's "Introduction to a critique of political economy"**, by Karl Marx; Friedrich Engels; C. J. Arthur, 1985, ©1970

[Book](#) | See especially the first section on Feuerbach.

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**The eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte**, by Karl Marx, 1963

[Book](#) | See especially Chapter 1

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The items above can all be found in:

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**Karl Marx: selected writings**, by Karl Marx; David McLellan, 2000

[Book](#) | There are also various other collections of Marx's writings you can find in the library: eg collections edited by Pierson, Tucker or Elster.

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## **Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)** (5 items)

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**On the genealogy of morality**, by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche; Keith Ansell-Pearson; Carol Diethe, 1994

[Book](#)

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**Beyond good and evil: prelude to a philosophy of the future**, by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche; Marion Faber, 1998

[Book](#)

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**Thus spoke Zarathustra: a book for everyone and no one**, by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 1969

[Book](#)

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Extracts from all these texts are included in:

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**The Nietzsche reader**, by Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche; Keith Ansell-Pearson; Duncan Large,

2006

[Book](#) | Available as print and e-book

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**Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986)** (1 items)

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**The second sex**, by Simone de Beauvoir; H. M. Parshley, 1997[Book](#) | See especially the 'Introduction', 'The Data of Biology' (chapter 1), 'The Point of View of Historical Materialism' (chapter 3)

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**Frantz Fanon (1925-1961)** (2 items)

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**Black skin, white masks**, by Frantz Fanon, 2008[Book](#) | See especially the chapters 'The Fact of Blackness', and 'The Negro and Recognition'. Available as print and e-book**The wretched of the earth**, by Frantz Fanon; Constance Farrington; Jean-Paul Sartre, 1965[Book](#) | See especially the chapter 'On Violence'. | The library can't buy an eBook version due to publisher restrictions

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**Recommended Textbooks:** (46 items)

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**Global theory from Kant to Hardt and Negri**, by Gary K. Browning, 2011[Book](#) | Available as print and e-book**Political thinkers: from Socrates to the present**, edited by David Boucher; P. J. Kelly, 2017[Book](#)**A history of modern political thought: major political thinkers from Hobbes to Marx**, by Iain Hampsher-Monk, 1992[Book](#)**Modern political theory from Hobbes to Marx: key debates**, by Jack Lively; Andrew Reeve, 1989[Book](#)**History of western political thought: a thematic introduction**, by John Morrow, 2005[Book](#)

See also:

**A history of modern political thought: the question of interpretation**, by Gary K. Browning, 2016[Book](#) | Available as print and e-book**The history of political thought: a short introduction**, by R. N. Berki, 1977[Book](#)

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**The Blackwell encyclopaedia of political thought**, by David Miller, 1991

Book

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**Interpreting modern political philosophy: from Machiavelli to Marx**, by Alistair Edwards; Jules Townshend, 2002

Book

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**Man and society: political and social theories from Machiavelli to Marx**, by John Petrov Plamenatz; M. E. Plamenatz; Robert Wokler, 1992

Book

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**A history of political theory**, by George Holland Sabine; Thomas Landon Thorson, ©1973

Book

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**History of political philosophy**, by Leo Strauss; Joseph Cropsey, 1987

Book

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**Political theory in retrospect: from the ancient Greeks to the 20th century**, by Geraint Williams, ©1991

Book

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## **Selected Books on Specific Thinkers:** (32 items)

The University Library has a range of critical and historical works in this field and all students should familiarise themselves with the bibliography by examining the shelves and browsing the catalogues. What follows is a select list of good monographs on the specific political thinkers studied on the course, many of them written for undergraduate students.

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## **Kant** (7 items)

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**Kant and the theory and practice of international right**, by Georg Cavallar, 1999

Book

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**The Cambridge companion to Kant**, by Paul Guyer, 1992

Book

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**Kant, critique, and politics**, by Kimberly Hutchings, 1996

Book

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**Kant: the philosophy of right**, by Jeffrie G. Murphy, 1970

Book

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**Kant's critique of Hobbes: sovereignty and cosmopolitanism**, by Howard Williams, 2003

Book

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**Kant's political philosophy**, by Howard Williams, 1983

Book

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**Feminist interpretations of Immanuel Kant**, by Robin May Schott, ©1997

Book

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## Hegel (10 items)

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**Hegel's theory of the modern state**, by Shlomo Avineri, 1972

Book

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**The Cambridge companion to Hegel**, by Frederick C. Beiser, 1993

Book

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**Hegel and the history of political philosophy**, by Gary K. Browning, 1999

Book

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**Hegel and feminist social criticism: justice, recognition, and the feminine**, by Jeffrey A. Gauthier, 1997, ©1997

Book

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**An introduction to Hegel: freedom, truth and history**, by Stephen Houlgate, 2005

Book

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**Feminist interpretations of G.W.F. Hegel**, by Patricia Jagentowicz Mills, ©1996

Book

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**Hegel**, by Raymond Plant, 1973

Book

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**Hegel**, by Peter Singer, 1983

Book

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**Hegel**, by Charles Taylor, 1975

Book

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**Hegel's ethical thought**, by Allen W. Wood, 1990

Book

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## Marx (4 items)

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**The social and political thought of Karl Marx**, by Shlomo Avineri, 1968

Book

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**Marxism: an historical and critical study**, by George Lichtheim, 1964

Book

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**Marx**, by David McLellan, 1986

Book

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**Marx**, by Peter Singer, 1980

Book

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## Nietzsche (4 items)

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**An introduction to Nietzsche as political thinker: the perfect nihilist**, by Keith Ansell-Pearson, 1994

Book

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**Nietzsche & the political**, by Daniel W. Conway, 1997

Book

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**Nietzsche: a very short introduction**, by Michael Tanner, 2000

Book

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**Feminist interpretations of Friedrich Nietzsche**, by Kelly Oliver; Marilyn Pearsall, ©1998

Book

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## Simone de Beauvoir (4 items)

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**Simone de Beauvoir: a feminist mandarin**, by Mary Evans, 1985

Book

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**Simone de Beauvoir: a critical reader**, by Elizabeth Fallaize, 1998

Book

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**Existentialism, feminism and Simone de Beauvoir**, by Jo Campling; Joseph Mahon, 1997

Book

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**How to read Beauvoir**, by Stella Sandford, 2006

Book

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## Fanon (3 items)

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**Fanon: the postcolonial imagination**, by Nigel C. Gibson, 2003

Book | Available as print and e-book

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**Fanon and the decolonization of philosophy**, by Elizabeth Hoppe; Tracey Nicholls, ©2010

Book

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**Fanon: a critical reader**, by Lewis R. Gordon; T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting; Rene

e T. White; Symposium on Afro-American Culture and Philosophy, ©1996

Book

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## Selected Articles and Books on Key Themes: (38 items)

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### Cosmopolitanism (6 items)

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**Cosmopolitanism: ethics in a world of strangers**, by Kwame Anthony Appiah, 2007

Book

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**Cosmopolitanism and human rights**, by Sharon Anderson-Gold, 2001

Book

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**Another cosmopolitanism**, by Seyla Benhabib; Jeremy Waldron; Bonnie Honig; Will Kymlicka; Robert Post, 2006

Book

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**Cosmopolitanism**, by Carol Appadurai Breckenridge, 2002

Book

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**Given culture: Rethinking cosmopolitical freedom in transnationalism.** - in *Boundary 2*, by Pheng Cheah, 1997

Article

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**Democracy and the global order: from the modern state to cosmopolitan governance**, by David Held, 1995

Book

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## History, Modernity and Postmodernity (9 items)

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**The idea of the postmodern: a history**, by Johannes Willem Bertens, 1994

Book

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**After history?: Francis Fukuyama and his critics**, by Timothy Burns, ©1994

Book | Book not available at Brookes Library

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**Eurocentrism and modernity (Introduction to the Frankfurt lectures).** - in *Boundary 2*, by Enrique Dussel

Article

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**The end of history and the last man**, by Francis Fukuyama, 1993

Book

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**Modernity and its futures**, by Stuart Hall; David Held; Anthony G. McGrew, 1992

Book

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**Re-thinking history**, by Keith Jenkins, 1991

Book

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**The postmodern condition: a report on knowledge**, by Jean-Francois Lyotard, c1984

Book

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**History of the idea of progress**, by Robert A. Nisbert, 1980

Book

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**The end of modernity: nihilism and hermeneutics in post-modern culture**, by Gianni Vattimo; Jon R. Snyder, 1988

Book

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## Gender, Feminism and Political Theory (8 items)

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**Women in political theory: from ancient misogyny to contemporary feminism**, by Diana H. Coole, 1993

Book

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**Feminism and political theory**, by Judith Evans, 1986

Book

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**The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: Towards a more Progressive Union - in Capital & Class**, by Heidi I. Hartmann, 1979

Article | Article not available via Brookes library

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**Hegel's Philosophy and Feminist Thought: Beyond Antigone?**, by Hutchings, K., Pulkkinen, T., 2010

Book | Book ordered for Brookes library

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**Women in Western political philosophy: Kant to Nietzsche**, by Ellen Kennedy; Susan Mendus, 1987

Book

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**Women in Western political thought**, by Susan Moller Okin, 1980

Book

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**Women in Western political thought**, by Susan Moller Okin, 1979

Book

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**Feminist interpretations and political theory**, by Carole Pateman; Mary Lyndon Shanley, 1991

Book

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## Race, Colonialism and Political Theory (6 items)

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**With What Must the Philosophy of World History Begin? On the Racial Basis of Hegel's Eurocentrism.** - in Nineteenth-Century Contexts, by Robert Bernasconi, 2000

Article | Article not available via Brookes library

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**The Vanishing Body of Frantz Fanon in Paul Gilroy's Against Race and After Empire** - in The

Black Scholar, by Laura Chrisman, 2011

Article

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Race ends here - in Ethnic and Racial Studies, by Paul Gilroy, 1998

Article

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The racial contract, by Charles W. Mills, 1999

Book

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Blackness visible: essays on philosophy and race, by Charles W. Mills, 1998

Book

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Race: a philosophical introduction, by Paul C. Taylor, 2013

Book

## Journals: (9 items)

A number of journals taken by the Library contain articles on political theory and the history of political thought:

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### Political studies

**Journal** | This is a prestigious journal which has useful articles on political concepts and specific political theorists - new interpretations and readings - as well as reviews of new books from which an up-to-date survey of the field can be maintained.

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### History of political thought

**Journal** | This is another high quality journal and it is specifically devoted to the history of political thought. Most theorists are the subject of an article in this journal.

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### Contemporary Political Theory

**Journal** | A useful feature article in the journal is 'Political Theory Revisited'.

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A history of modern political thought: major political thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, by Hampsher-Monk, I., 1992

**Book** | The bibliography in this book provides details of journal articles which are useful.

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You can also simply [search](#) for articles using keywords such as 'Kant' or 'cosmopolitanism' and so on. Here are some examples of journal articles you might find in your searches:

New Rights for Old? Cosmopolitan Citizenship and the Critique of State Sovereignty - in Political Studies, by David Chandler, 2003

Article

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The history of political thought in a modern university: the first Henry Tudor memorial lecture - in History of Political Thought, by Janet Coleman, 2000

Article

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**Realizing the Social Contract: The Case of Colonialism and Indigenous Peoples** - in  
Contemporary Political Theory, by Robert Lee Nichols, 2005

Article

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You can also look in the bibliographies of articles and books you borrow from the library to find more sources.