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CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM

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This course examines the history of Western economic systems and ideologies from the origins of capitalism in early-modern Europe through the rise of socialism in the nineteenth century and social democracy in the twentieth.

READINGS

Course reader, available only at PortaPrint Publishing, 33 Halsey St., 973 622-1828

Note: The reader is not available at the campus bookstore.

GRADING

TESTS: There will be a midterm on Mon. Oct. 22 and a comprehensive final exam on Mon. Dec. 17, 6:20-9:20pm. The format for these tests will be a series of short essays (1/2 to 1 page). You should read the exam instructions (in the reader) very carefully before each exam.

Students are required to sign the Rutgers Honor Pledge; the university's academic integrity policy appears here: <http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/office-dean-student-affairs/academic-integrity-policy>.

LECTURE QUESTIONS: At the end of each session you must hand in one or two brief questions or comments on the material covered from that day. Grades are based on the number of days when you attend class and hand in a card; each unexcused absence lowers this score by five points. To receive credit, your card must contain a question or comment on the material for that session. You are required to bring a 3x5 card to class every time. Time arriving late or leaving early is added up; eighty minutes equals one absence.

For an absence to be excused, you must provide written evidence of a valid reason for your absence, and all excuses must be in by the day of the final exam. Your overall course grade will fall by a half-letter (e.g., from B to C+) for each unexcused absence starting with the fourth one. Any student who misses eight or more sessions through any combination of excused and unexcused absences will not earn credit in this course; such students should withdraw from the class.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Everyone is required to participate regularly in class discussions, either by asking questions or by making relevant comments. Grading is based on both the quantity and quality of participation. Sleeping, failing to pay attention, and using electronic devices in class will lower your score. No laptops allowed.

READING QUIZZES: Several times during the semester, you will be quizzed on the readings assigned for that day. These quizzes will be unannounced. The lowest grade on the quizzes will not count.

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| Lecture questions | 5% |
| Class participation | 10% |
| Reading quizzes | 20% |
| Midterm | 25% |
| Final exam | 40% |
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Wed. 9-5: Introduction

Mon. 9-10: The Pre-Capitalist Economy

“Description of the Manor” (Reading 1)
“The Peasants’ World” (R-2)
French Guild Regulations (R-3)
Philipp von Hornick, “Austria over All” (R-4)

Wed. 9-12: The Origins of Capitalism

“The Evolution of Institutions Favorable to Commerce” (R-5)
“Republics of Merchants in Early Modern Europe” (R-6)
“The Netherlands and Successful Economic Growth” (R-7)

Mon. 9-17: The Principles of Capitalism

John Locke, “Second Treatise on Civil Government” (R-8)
Adam Smith, “The Wealth of Nations” (R-9)

Wed. 9-19: The Agricultural Revolution

“The New Agriculture” (R-10)
Arthur Young, “Political Arithmetic” (R-11)
Frederic Morton Eden, “The State of the Poor” (R-12)
“Agricultural Change in Britain” (R-13)

Mon. 9-24: Economic Debates in the French Revolution

French Revolutionary Legislation (R-14)
Petition on the Grain Crisis (R-15)
François Babeuf, “The People’s Tribune” (R-16)

Wed. 9-26: The Industrial Revolution, Part 1

“The Industrial Revolution” (R-17)
Simonde de Sismondi, “Evils Caused by the Introduction of Machines” (R-18)
Friedrich Engels, “The Condition of the Working Class in England” (R-19)

Mon. 10-1: The Industrial Revolution, Part 2

Factory Rules in Berlin (R-20)
The Sadler Commission, “Report on Child Labor” (R-21)
Andrew Ure, “The Philosophy of Manufactures” (R-22)
“The Effects of the Industrial Revolution on Women and Children” (R-23)

Wed. 10-3: Nineteenth-Century Liberal Thought

Thomas Malthus, “On the Principle of Population” (R-24)
Samuel Smiles, “Self-Help” (R-25)
Andrew Carnegie, “The Gospel of Wealth” (R-26)

Mon. 10-8: The Origins and Principles of Socialism

Filippo Buonarroti, “Outline for a New Society” (R-27)
Social Policy in the Second French Republic (R-28)
Marx and Engels, “The Communist Manifesto” (R-29)

Wed. 10-10: Socialist Movements

The Social Democratic Party of Germany, "The Erfurt Program" (R-30)
Nikolaus Osterroth, "Autobiography of a German Socialist" (R-31)
Eduard Bernstein, "Evolutionary Socialism" (R-32)
"Charter of the Socialist Party of France" (R-33)

Mon. 10-15: Debates on State Intervention

Otto von Bismarck, "Direct Provision for the Workers" (R-34)
L.T. Hobhouse, "Liberalism" (R-35)
Herbert Spencer, "The Man Versus the State" (R-36)
Louis Brandeis, "Shall We Abandon the Policy of Competition?" (R-37)

Wed. 10-17: Anarchism

"Manifesto of the Anarchist International" (R-38)
Peter A. Kropotkin, "The Ideal of a Future System" (R-39)
"Anarchism in Spain" (R-40)

Mon. 10-22: Midterm**Wed. 10-24: Open session****Mon. 10-29: The Soviet Union, Part 1**

V.I. Lenin, "The State and Revolution" (R-41)
N. I. Bukharin, "The ABC of Communism" (R-42)
Joseph Stalin, "Continuing Progress of the National Economy" (R-43)
The Liquidation of the Kulaks (R-44)

Wed. 10-31: The Soviet Union, Part 2

"Economic Transformation under Stalin" (R-45)
C.B. Hoover, "The Economic Life of Soviet Russia" (R-46)
Lev Razgon, "True Stories" (R-47)

Mon. 11-5: Communism and Socialism in the Interwar World

The Communist International, "Twenty-One Conditions" (R-48)
Léon Blum, "Speech to the Socialist Party Congress" (R-49)
Hewlett Johnson, "The Socialist Sixth of the World" (R-50)
Jawaharlal Nehru, "On Socialism" (R-51)

Wed. 11-7: The Great Depression

"Appeal of the Unemployed of Manchester" (R-52)
"John Maynard Keynes and the Depression" (R-53)
The Economist, "A Refresher on the 1930s" (R-54)
Auguste Detoef, "The End of Liberalism" (R-55)

Mon. 11-12: Socialism and Social Democracy after WW II

E.F.M. Durbin, "The Importance of Planning" (R-56)
"The Welfare State in Postwar Britain" (R-57)
Friedrich Hayek, "The Road to Serfdom" (R-58)
"The New Principles of the Social Democratic Party of Germany" (R-59)

Wed. 11-14: The Cold War, Part 1

President Harry S. Truman, "The Truman Doctrine Speech" (R-60)
Andrei Zhdanov, "The Two-Camp Policy" (R-61)
General Electric, "People's Capitalism" (R-62)
"The Missionaries of the Marshall Plan" (R-63)

Mon. 11-19: The Cold War, Part 2

Nikita Khrushchev, "Khrushchev's Secret Speech" (R-64)
Vivian Gornick, "The Khrushchev Report and Communist Disillusion" (R-65)
Nikita Khrushchev, "Report to the Communist Party Congress" (R-66)
Milovan Djilas, "The New Class" (R-67)

THANKSGIVING

Mon. 11-26: The 1970s and 1980s

Margaret Thatcher, "Let Me Give You My Vision" (R-68)
Margaret Thatcher, "The British Steel Strike of 1980" (R-69)
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, "Harvard Commencement Speech" (R-70)
"The Swedish Promise" (R-71)

Wed. 11-28: Capitalism, Socialism, and Underdevelopment, Part 1

Eduardo Galeano, "The Open Veins of Latin America" (R-72)
Julius Nyerere, "African Socialism" (R-73)
"The Other Path" (R-74)

Mon. 12-3: Capitalism, Socialism, and Underdevelopment, Part 2

The Economist, "Poverty and Property Rights" (R-75)
"Africa Earned its Debt" (R-76)
"Culture Matters" (R-77)
"An Agenda for Development for the Twenty-First Century" (R-78)

Wed. 12-5: The Fall of Communism in Europe

Vaclav Havel, "On Communism" (R-79)
Stasi Report on Motives for Emigration (R-80)
Zbigniew Brzezinski, "Reflections on Communism" (R-81)
"What Was Socialism?" (R-82)

Mon. 12-10: Contemporary Issues, Part 1

"Asia Rising" (R-83)
Vietnam Labor Watch, "Report on Nike Factories in Vietnam" (R-84)
Philip Knight, "The Nike Story is Just Good Business" (R-85)

Wed. 12-12: Contemporary Issues, Part 2

Edward Broadbent, "Social Democracy or Liberalism in the New Millennium?" (R-86)
Alan Cowell, "Letter from Sweden," May 10, 2006 (R-87)
Milton Friedman, "Why Government Is the Problem" (R-88)
The Economist, Articles on Venezuela (R-89)

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