

## **Social and Political Philosophy**

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### **Required Texts and readings**

#### **Hobbes, Leviathan**

- 9-11, 40-49 (esp. the definitions of ‘pity’ and ‘cruelty’ on 46), 66-70, 75-81, 93-111, 125-138

#### **Rousseau, Second Discourse, The Social Contract**

- Second Discourse
  - 81- top 98, 104-140, 146-7 (note “o”)
- Social Contract
  - 156-185, 189-194 (all of Book I, Book II Chapters 1-8 and 11, and Book III, Chapter 1. Also, you should probably read I:VI about 20 times)

#### **Mill, On Liberty, Utilitarianism**

- On Liberty
  - 3-11, 17-27, 32-56 (Assignment #1)
  - 11-16, 57-99, 104-5, 113-119
- Utilitarianism
  - 238-249, 277-9, 287-291

#### **Marx, The Portable Marx**

- The Communist Manifesto
  - 203-228, 241
- Economico-Philosophical Manuscripts
  - 131-146. Also, “The German Ideology, 164 and 177, and “Comments on James Mill,” the latter of which I will hand out in class.

#### **Freud, Civilization and its Discontents**

- Chapters III-VIII (but not VI)
- We might do Chapter I

### **Assignments, Grading, and Due Dates**

Paper 1, 4 pages, 20% Due February 23rd

Paper 2, 4 pages, 30 % Due March 30th

Paper 3, 5 pages, 35 %, Due May 4<sup>th</sup>

Class participation: 15%

Response papers: Response papers are one-page papers. They are simply responses to some question that I pose in class that will be related to the material we are covering. If you fail to hand in a response paper, or it is very bad (i.e. poorly written, given little thought), it will count as -1 to your *final* average. If the paper is very good it will count as +1 to your final average. All other response papers have no bearing on your final grade.

Papers are to be double spaced in Times New Roman size 12.