

SOSC 12100: Self, Culture, and Society 1: Capitalism and Social Modernity Autumn '09

Sections 10 and 24: Instructor: **Christopher Cutrone** (e-mail: ccutrone@uchicago.edu) 9/21/09

Requirements: reading; attendance; readings presentations; and 2 (4-5pp, or ~1,000 word) papers

Grading: 1.) papers 80% (2x40% each); and 2.) class participation/presentations/discussion 20%
(Note: each student will do at least 2 in-class presentations on readings this quarter)

Books: (available for purchase at Seminary Co-op Bookstore)

· Adam Smith *The Wealth of Nations* (Chicago, 1977) ISBN 0226763749

· Robert C. Tucker, ed. *Marx-Engels Reader* (Norton 2nd edition, 1978) ISBN 039309040X

· Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (Routledge, 2001) ISBN 041525406X

(* Additional readings available as PDF files at: <http://chalk.uchicago.edu>)

Week 1

1. Introduction; in-class reading: Max Horkheimer, "The Little Man and the Philosophy of Freedom," from *Dämmerung* (1926-31), 50-52 * 9/29/09
2. J.-J. Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*, 114-130, 134-160, 161-188 * 10/1/09

Week 2

3. Kant, "Idea for a Universal History from a Cosmopolitan Point of View" *; Rousseau, selections from *The Social Contract* * 10/6/09
4. Kant, "What is Enlightenment?" *; Benjamin Constant, "Liberty" * 10/8/09

Week 3

5. Adam Smith, *Wealth of Nations*, vol. 1, 1-4, 7-43, 53-110 10/13/09
6. Smith, vol. 1, 399-446 10/15/09

Week 4

7. Smith, vol. 2, 66-158 10/20/09
8. Smith, vol. 2, 282-309, 338-340 10/22/09

Week 5

9. Karl Marx, *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*, in Tucker, 70-101 10/27/09
10. Marx and Friedrich Engels, *Manifesto of the Communist Party*, 469-491, 499-500 10/29/09

[1st paper due Week 5]

Week 6

11. Marx, *Grundrisse* 221-226, 236-244 11/3/09
12. Marx, *Capital* 294-312, 319-329 11/5/09

Week 7

13. Marx, *Grundrisse* 247-250; *Capital* 384-388, 389-417 11/10/09
14. Marx, *Capital* 422-438; *Grundrisse* 278-292 11/12/09

Week 8

15. Max Weber, *Protestant Ethic*, xxviii-xlii, 3-50 11/17/09
16. Weber, 102-125 11/19/09

Week 9

17. Georg Lukács, "The Phenomenon of Reification," 83-92, 92-110 * 11/24/09
[Thanksgiving break, no class] 11/26/09

Week 10

18. Harvey, *The Condition of Postmodernity*, 119-140, 141-172, 173-197 * 12/1/09

[2nd/final paper due exam week]