POLI 7982 & 7990–SEMINAR IN MODERN POLITICAL THEORY & PROSEMINAR IN THEORY
Spring Semester 2010, Stubbs 210, Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon
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CRISIS, REVOLUTION & RESISTANCE IN MODERN POLITICAL THEORY

Course description: This seminar addresses in a selective way key manifestations of political revolutionism in its philosophical aspects and resistance to it, concentrating on totalitarian socialism and its consequences for politics and the meaning of human existence into the present. Emphasis will be placed on: the noetic and pneumatic differentiations rejected by revolutionaries and fundamental to principled resistance against them and the reductionist destruction of reality through ideology, the dehumanization of man in the name of man. Students will be required to submit six (6) papers each (Team A*, B**) for presentation in class (60%) and complete a final paper (40%), which may or may not be a take-home exam. A 10% penalty on the term average will be assessed for each un-excused class absence.

Reading Schedule

Jan. 19: Intro and Orwell, 1984

Jan. 26: Hayek, Road to Serfdom*

Feb. 2: Sandoz, Political Apocalypse**

Feb. 9: Voegelin, Science, Politics & Gnosticism & Jean François Revel, Last Exit to Utopia: The Survival of Socialism in a Post-Soviet Era*

Feb. 16: No class (Mardi Gras Holiday)

Feb. 23: Arendt, On Revolution**

Mar. 2: Voegelin, Hitler and the Germans, pp. 1-110*

Mar. 9: Cont’d, pp. 111-273**

Mar. 16: Sandoz, Voegelinian Revolution*

Mar. 23: Voegelin, Anamnesis, pp.1-115**

Mar. 30: Cont’d, pp. 116-213*

Apr. 6: No Class (Spring holiday)

Apr. 13: Voegelin, The Ecumenic Age, intro-chap. 3**

Apr. 20: Cont’d, chaps. 4-7*

Apr. 27: Voegelin, In Search of Order**

May 4: Last class–course review & concluding discussion
May 11: Final Exam/Paper due

REQUIRED BOOKS FOR POLI 7982 & 7990
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