

PPE Prelim  
*Introduction to Politics: Theorising the Democratic State - Themes*

**Lectures**

Michaelmas Term 2009 Tuesday 10.00 Examination Schools  
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*The reading and references for these lectures are as on the reading list published by the Department of Politics:*

[http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/teaching/ug/reading\\_lists/prelims/](http://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/teaching/ug/reading_lists/prelims/)

*The powerpoint presentation for each lecture will be available each week from my website:*

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~efrazer/teaching.htm>

*Later in the term there will be Weblearn course site, on which you can post questions and queries; as soon as the site address is available I will announce it.*

- Week 1.        **Democracy and Freedom**
- Week 2.        **Majorities and Representation**
- Week 3.        **Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy**
- Week 4:        **Elitism**
- Week 5:        **Who rules?**
- Week 6:        **Associational Life**
- Week 7:        **Political theory and justification**
- Week 8:        **Freedom, Democracy and State.**

**Associated topics, from the Dept reading list; and references from the lectures.**

Week 1.        **Democracy and Freedom**

Associated topics from the department reading list: 1: The nature and grounds of democracy; 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?; 5: The public choice approach to democracy; 6. Liberty: its nature and its limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty.

Berlin, Isaiah. *Four Essays on Liberty*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1969.

Dahl, Robert. *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.

Hayek, F.A. *The Constitution of Liberty*. London: Routledge, 1960.

McLean, Iain. *Public Choice: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1987.

Mill, John Stuart. "On Liberty." In *On Liberty and Other Writings*, edited by Stefan Collini, 5-115. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989 fp 1859.

Mill, John Stuart. "Considerations on Representative Government." In *Utilitarianism, on Liberty and Considerations on Representative Government*, edited by H B Acton, 187-428. London: J.M.Dent and Sons, 1972 fp 1861.

Miller, David, ed. *Liberty, Oxford Readings in Politics and Government*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Week 2.           **Majorities and Representation**

Associated topic: 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?

Barry, Brian. "Is Democracy Special?" In *Democracy and Power: Essays in Political Theory 1*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1991 fp 1979.

Burke, Edmund 'Speech to the Electors of Bristol' 1774:

<http://presspubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html>

Dahl, Robert. *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.

Locke, John. *Two Treatises of Government*. Critical Edition by Peter Laslett ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960 fp 1690.

Macaulay, Catharine. *On Burke's Reflections on the French Revolution*. Introduction Jonathan Wordsworth ed. Washington DC: Woodstock Books, 1997 fp 1790.

Manin, Bernard. *The Principles of Representative Government*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

Mansbridge, Jane. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes'." *The Journal of Politics* 61, no. 3 (1999): 628-57.

Mansbridge, Jane. "Rethinking Representation." *American Political Science Review* 97, no. 4 (2003): 515-28.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques. "The Social Contract." In *The Social Contract and Other Later Political Writings*, edited by Victor Gourevitch. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997 fp 1762.

Week 3.           **Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy**

Associated topic: 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?

Cohen, Joshua. "Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy." In *The Good Polity*, edited by Alan Hamlin and Philip Pettit, 17-34. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1989.

Fishkin, James: *Democracy and Deliberation: new directions for democratic reform* 1991

Habermas, Jurgen. *Moral Consciousness and Communicative Action*. Translated by Christian Lenhardt and Shierry Weber Nicholson. Introduction by Thomas McCarthy ed. Cambridge Mass: MIT Press, 1990 fp German 1983.

Miller, David. "Deliberative Democracy and Social Choice." *Political Studies* 40, no. 1 (1992): 54-67.

Smith, Adam. *The Wealth of Nations*. Ed and Intro Andrew Skinner, reprinted with revisions fp 1970 ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1974, fp 1776.

Smith, Adam. *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. Edited by Knud Haakonssen, Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002 (fp 1759).

Week 4:           **Elitism**

Associated topic: 2. Power and influence in a democratic state; 2.2. Who rules in a democracy?

Hobbes, Thomas. *Leviathan*. J C A Gaskin ed ed, *World's Classics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996 fp 1651.

Machiavelli, Niccolo. *The Prince*. Translated by George Bull, *Penguin Classics*. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1961 fp 1532.

McLean, Iain. *Public Choice: An Introduction*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1987.

Schumpeter, Joseph. A. *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*. Introduction by Richard Swedberg ed. London: Routledge, 1992 fp 1942.

Week 5: **Who rules?**

Associated topics: 3. Ideology and democratic politics; 3.1. The nature of ideology; 3.2. Ideology and political practice

Dahl, Robert (1961), *Who Governs?* (New Haven CT: Yale University Press).

Dahl, Robert (1989), *Democracy and its Critics* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

Foucault, Michel (1980), *Power/Knowledge: selected interviews and other writings*, trans. Colin Gordon (ed Colin Gordon edn.; Brighton: Harvester ).

Foucault, Michel (2000 fp 1973), 'Truth and Juridical Forms', in James D. Faubion (ed.), *Michel Foucault Power (Essential Works of Foucault 1954-1984, Volume 3)* (Harmondsworth: Penguin), 1-89.

Lukes, Steven (1974), *Power: a Radical View* (Basingstoke: Macmillan Education Limited).

Marx, Karl (1897 fp German 1852), *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte* (Rare Reprint edn.: Kessinger Publishing).

Marx, Karl (1937 fp 1875), *Critique of the Gotha Programme* (Moscow: Progress Publishers).

Mill, John Stuart (1972 fp 1861), 'Considerations on Representative Government', in H B Acton (ed.), *Utilitarianism, On Liberty and Considerations on Representative Government* (London: J.M.Dent and Sons), 187-428.

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques (1997 fp 1762), 'The Social Contract', in Victor Gourevitch (ed.), *The Social Contract and other later political writings* (Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Week 6: **Associational Life**

Associated topics: 4: Democracy and associational life; 4.2. The role of civil society; 5: The public choice approach to democracy

Almond, Gabriel A., and Sidney Verba. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1963.

Almond, Gabriel A., and Sidney Verba, eds. *The Civic Culture Revisited*. London: Sage Publications, 1980.

Banfield, Edward C. *The Moral Basis of a Backward Society*. Chicago: The Free Press, 1958.

Havel, Vaclav. *The Power of the Powerless: Citizens against the State in Central-Eastern Europe*. Translated by Paul Wilson. Armonk, NY: M.E.Sharpe Inc, 1990.

Hume, David. *Essays, Literary, Moral and Political*. London: Ward, Lock and Co., nd fp 1741-2.

Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. Translated by Samuel Moore. Reproduction of 1888 translation by Samuel Moore; fp 1971. ed. Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1977 fp 1848.

Marx, Karl. *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*. Rare Reprint ed: Kessinger Publishing, 1897 fp German 1852.

Marx, Karl. *Capital Volume 1*. London: Lawrence and Wishart, 1954 fp 1867.

Schumpeter, Joseph. A. *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*. Introduction by Richard Swedberg ed. London: Routledge, 1992 fp 1942.

Smith, Adam. *The Wealth of Nations*. Ed and Intro Andrew Skinner, reprinted with revisions fp 1970 ed. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1974, fp 1776.

Tocqueville, Alexis de. *Democracy in America*. 2 vols. Vol. Vols I and II. New York: Vintage Books, 1945 fp English 1835/1840.

Tocqueville, Alexis de. *The Ancien Regime and the French Revolution*. Translated by Stuart Gilbert. Introduction Hugh Brogan ed. London: Fontana, 1966 fp French 1856.

Week 7: **Political theory and justification**

Associated topics: 1: The nature and grounds of democracy; 1.2. Democracy: what is it? is it desirable?; 6. Liberty: its nature and its limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty.

Cohen, G.A. (2008), *Rescuing Justice and Equality* (Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press).

Dahl, Robert (1989), *Democracy and its Critics* (New Haven: Yale University Press).

Leopold, David and Stears, Marc (eds.) (2008), *Political Theory: Methods and Approaches* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Week 8: **Freedom, Democracy and State.**

Associated topics: 6: Liberty: its nature and limits; 6.1. The concept of liberty; 6.3. The limits of liberty

Berlin, Isaiah. *Four Essays on Liberty*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1969.

Hayek, F. A. *The Constitution of Liberty*. London: Routledge, 1960.

MacCallum, Gerald C. "Negative and Positive Freedom." In *Liberty*, edited by David Miller. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1991 pp 196-7.

Mill, John Stuart. "On Liberty." In *On Liberty and Other Writings*, edited by Stefan Collini, 5-115. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989 pp 185-9.

Skinner, Quentin. *Liberty before Liberalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Taylor, Charles. "What's Wrong with Negative Liberty?" In *Philosophy and the Human Sciences: Philosophical Papers 2*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985 pp 197-9.

, Introduction to Modern Political Theory, London, Macmillan, 1995. H. J. Laski, A Grammar of Politics: Volume 3: Social Theory: Its Situation and its Task: a Critical Introduction to Politics. 260 PagesÂ·1988Â·10.11 MBÂ·66 DownloadsÂ·New! Volume 2 of Politics, a work in constructive social theory.Social Theory: Its Situation and Its History of Political Theory: An Introduction: Volume II: Modern. 583 PagesÂ·2013Â·2.53 MBÂ·273 DownloadsÂ·New!Â Strategy and Politics: An Introduction to Game Theory is designed to introduce students Introduction to Political Theory. 543 PagesÂ·2015Â·3.83 MBÂ·248 DownloadsÂ·New! Introduction to Political Theory is a text for the 21st century. It shows students why Game Theory and Political Theory: An Introduction.