

Course Title	European Intellectual History ASE 361/PHI 311	Instructor(s)	Felix A. Jiménez Botta
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	5 Period Monday-Wednesdays
Track		Mode of Instruction	Solo
Credits	2	Allocated Year	Spring 3 rd Year
Active Learning	Category 3-2,3,4 Category 4- 1,2,3,7,8,9,10.	Compulsory or Elective	Elective.
Course Overview	<p>The primary aim of this course will be to explore intellectual reactions to the most important transformations in European history from the Enlightenment to the 20th century. We will start with Enlightenment liberalism and rationalism, and trace the reactions of the Romantics, Hegel, Marx, Freud, and Nietzsche to it. Second, we will examine the regimes of total power that gained power after WW1 in Russia, Italy, and Germany, with a special focus on fascism, and analyze the intellectual response to them by the Frankfurt School, Feminism, and Post-modernism. We will also examine how 20th century intellectuals responded to the challenge of Enlightenment liberalism and rationalism.</p> <p>All students will write three reflection papers to demonstrate their mastery of the key concepts and also as a means of review. The reflection papers will be due at the end of that week. The class will be heavily discussion-based and proper preparation is imperative to pass the course. To do that all students will be required to maintain a reading/note-taking journal throughout the semester. This journal will be worth 15%, or 1 point per class. Finally, there will be a final exam (but no mid-term exam).</p>		
Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1) To study important texts and learn key religious and historical concepts through reading and in-class discussions. 2. 2) To learn how to ask and answer analytical questions in three written reflection papers. 3. 3) Enhance student's abilities to create, develop, and test original arguments. 		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	Introduction to the course	Reading for next class.
	2	Enlightenment Liberalism and Rationalism	Excerpts from Immanuel Kant, <i>What is Enlightenment?</i> Adam Smith, <i>Excerpts from The Wealth of Nations</i>
	3	Romanticism	Read: Textbook, 695–99. Selections from JW Goethe, <i>The Sorrows of Young Werther</i> Grimm Brothers, <i>Hansel and Gretel</i>
	4	Hegel and Marx	Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , I
	5	Marx and Engels	Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , II
	6	Friedrich Nietzsche	Selections from Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i>
	7	Psychoanalysis	Selections from Freud, <i>The Interpretation of Dreams</i> Reflection 1 Due by Friday.

	8	Stalinism	Selections from Lev Trotsky, "Their morals and ours" 1938 Selections from Josef Stalin.
	9	Fascism in Italy	Selections from Benito Mussolini, <i>My Autobiography</i>
	10	Fascism in Germany	Selections from Adolf Hitler, <i>My Struggle</i>
	11	Hannah Arendt	Read: Interview with Hannah Arendt + brief excerpts from <i>On the Origins of Totalitarianism</i> . Reflection 2 Due by Friday.
	12	The Frankfurt School	Read: Selections from Fromm, <i>Escape from Freedom</i> . Selections from Max Horkheimer and Theodor Adorno, <i>Dialectic of Enlightenment</i>
	13	Simone de Beauvoir's Existentialism	Read: Interview with Simone de Beauvoir
	14	Michel Foucault/Postmodernism	Read: Interview with Michel Foucault. Brief excerpts from Foucault, <i>Discipline and Punish</i>
	15	Michel Foucault/Postmodernism	Read: Interview with Michel Foucault. Brief excerpts from Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality Vol. I</i> Reflection 3 Due by Friday.
		Final Exam	Study for final exam.
Grading	Group discussions and participation: 25%/ Notebook w/ all lecture & reading notes: 15%/ Written Reflections: 30%/ Final Exam 30%.		
Textbooks	All readings will be provided by the instructor on Moodle.		
NOTES	Students will only be excused for illnesses (that must be verifiable), or exceptional circumstances. Your participation grade will be dropped if you are often late to class. Students who miss three classes without proper excuses will have to withdraw from the course. Late assignments are only accepted with a 1-week delay. The penalty will be 20% of the score.		