

100:408: Theorizing the 'Age of Enormity':  
Social Theory and the History of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

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Tues 1:30-4

Social theory regarding 20<sup>th</sup> century problems of state and society, nationalism, empire, totalitarianism, genocide, capitalism, political order, gender, sexuality, secularism, religion. Main readings include Weber, Arendt, Polanyi, Foucault, Fanon, Anthony Giddens, David Harvey, Wendy Brown.

Wk 1: Introduction

Wk 2: Max Weber I: theorizing power, authority, state, and capitalism in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century:  
*From Max Weber* 77-128, 180-264, 363-385: "Politics as a Vocation"; "Class, Status, Party"; "Bureaucracy"; "The Sociology of Charismatic Authority"; "The Meaning of Discipline"; "Capitalism and Rural Society in Germany"

Wk 3: Max Weber II: capitalism, nation, religion, knowledge, and the modern condition:  
*FMW* 159-179; 267-359; 386-415; 129-156: "Structures of Power"; "The Social Psychology of the World Religions"; "The Protestant Sects and the Spirit of Capitalism"; "Religious Rejections of the World and their Directions"; "National Character and the Junkers"; "India: The Brahman and the Castes"; "Science as a Vocation"

Wk 4: Hannah Arendt, *Origins of Totalitarianism*, prefaces and ch 1-7

Wk 5: Arendt, *Origins of Totalitarianism*, ch. 8-13

Wk 6: Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*, selections TBA

Wk 7: Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality I*

Wk 8: Michel Foucault, *Security, Territory, Population: Lectures at the Collège de France 1977-1978* (Picador, 2007)

Wk 9: Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*  
Jean-François Lyotard, "Algerian Contradictions Exposed," *Political Writings* (U of Minnesota Press, 1993), 197-213

Wk 10: The "social" in French post-structuralist thought  
Bourdieu, "Social Space and the Genesis of Classes"; Calhoun, "Habitus, Field, and Capital: the Question of Historical Specificity"  
Etienne Balibar, "Droit de cite or Apartheid?" in Balibar, *We, the People of Europe? Reflections on transnational citizenship* (Princeton University Press, 2004), 31-50  
Gilles Deleuze, *Thousand Plateaus*, trans. Brian Massumi, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1987): ix-43; 165-184

Wk 11: Neo-Weberianism

Anthony Giddens, *The Nation State and Violence*, 1-34, 122-254

Wk 12: Neo-Marxism

David Harvey, *Condition of Post-Modernity*, vii-197

Wk 13: Neo-Weberianism and Neo-Marxism on the 20<sup>th</sup> century

Giddens, *The Nation State and Violence*, 222-341; Harvey, *Condition of Post-Modernity*, 201-359

**Wk 14:** Wendy Brown, *Regulating Aversion: Tolerance in the Age of Identity and Empire* (2008)