Theorizing the ‘Age of Enormity’:
Social Theory and the History of the 20th Century

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Tues 1:30-4

Social theory regarding 20th 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 20th century:

Wk 3: Max Weber II: capitalism, nation, religion, knowledge, and the modern condition:

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

Wk 10: The "social" in French post-structuralist thought
Etienne Balibar, “Droit de cite or Apartheid?” in Balibar, We, the People of Europe? Reflections on transnational citizenship (Princeton University Press, 2004), 31-50
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 20th 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)