

POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

Theory and History

ITB 3130

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Course Description

The aim of this course is to give an introduction to the general concept of ideology as well as the political ideologies of our time and the past century. For that purpose we will be analysing a diverse group of political ideologies including liberalism, socialism, fascism, feminism, ecologism and anarchism. The course will attempt to make the theory and the doctrine behind each ideology familiar for the student before giving the historical context from which the ideology is born. For some special weeks we will be watching films (documentaries) in order to bridge the gap between theory and history.

The students are obliged to attend the class sessions and are encouraged to actively participate in class discussions. They are also expected to ask any questions they might have about the subject matter including any part that they did not understand.

Grading System

Midterms (2): 60% (30% each)

Final: 40%

Textbook:

The students are expected to obtain the reading material as soon as the term starts and are required to do the readings for the week before coming to each class session.

Kevin Bloor (2010), *The Definitive Guide to Political Ideologies*. Milton Keynes: Authorhouse.

Schedule:

Week 1

Introduction: About the Course and Political Ideologies (*Introduction*)

Week 2

Liberalism (*Chapter 1*)

Week 3

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BBC Documentary, People's Century: "Skin Deep"

Week 4

Socialism (*Chapter 3*)

Week 5

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BBC Documentary, People's Century: "Red Flag"

Week 6

Conservatism (*Chapter 2*)

Nationalism (*Chapter 4*)

Week 7

Midterm I

Week 8

Anarchism (*Chapter 6*)

Feminism (*Chapter 5*)

Week 9

Feminism (*Chapter 5*)

BBC Documentary, People's Century: "Half the People"

Week 10

Fascism (*Chapter 7*)

Week 11

Fascism (*Chapter 7*)

BBC Documentary, People's Century: "Master Race"

Week 12

Midterm II

Week 13

Religious Fundamentalism (*Chapter 8*)

Documentary: "Jesus Camp"

Week 14

Ecologism (*Chapter 9*)

BBC Documentary, People's Century: "Endangered Planet"

Week 15

Multiculturalism (*Chapter 10*)

Evaluation of the Term