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**Syllabus for
Political Theory
GOVT 349 – Autumn 2004
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- I. **Course Description** An application of methodological individualism to the study of collective decision making. The behavior of voters, bureaucrats and elected political agents will be examined. Special attention will be given to group theory, constitutional theory, and the economic reasons for limiting the size and growth of government.
- II. **Rationale** This course directly supports Aims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the Liberty University Statement of Purpose.
- III. **Prerequisite** GOVT 200 or GOVT 220, preferably both
- IV. **Materials List**
Required:
Bastiat, Frederic. The Law (also available on-line)
Budziszewski, J. The Revenge of Conscience [B]
Minogue, Kenneth. Politics: A Very Short Introduction [M]
Samson, Steven. Political Theory: Lectures, Outlines, Readings [1-25]
Scruton, Roger. The West and the Rest [S]

Optional (for Honors Students)
Girard, Rene. The Girard Reader
Mansfield, Harvey. Student's Guide to Political Philosophy
Schall, James. Another Sort of Learning
- V. **Course Objectives**
1. The student will be exposed to philosophical and social scientific endeavors to explain and evaluate political institutions and political behavior.
 2. The student will be introduced to the analysis and evaluation of various systems of ideas, schools of thought, and sub-disciplines of political science.
 3. The student will be enabled to understand, participate in, and evaluate political processes.
- VI. **Graded Requirements**
1. Each student is responsible for completing reading assignments prior to class and should keep a loose-leaf notebook of class materials. It is suggested that readings and study aids be brought to class.
 2. Participation is an essential part of class. Textbook chapters, collateral readings, and current events will be the subject of class commentary and discussions. Students should be prepared to discuss textbook readings and current events.
 3. Students will be tested on the lecture and reading material through a series of seven tests. An **optional** final exam made up of selected questions from the seven regular tests may be substituted for the two lowest test scores.
 4. Tests must be taken at the scheduled date and time. Check for any changes on Blackboard. The lowest test score will be dropped upon satisfactory completion of one of the following: participation in one of the panel discussions (possible topics are listed below) **or** writing a short review (4-6 pp) of a book (or two short books) from the Selected Bibliography below. DUE DATE: December 3.

5. Honors Students are encouraged to read and discuss the collateral readings René Girard's The Girard Reader, write a short paper (6-10 pages) developing and applying some aspect of his work in relation to the other readings, and participate in the panel discussion of his work. Others who wish to participate in this discussion may do the same. A brief list of Girard's work and some of the available commentaries may be found on the syllabus online. Other options include a special take-home essay and short answer test on José Ortega y Gasset's The Revolt of the Masses. The lowest test score will be dropped upon satisfactory completion of the assignment.
6. The grading scale is 100-90=A, 89-80=B, 79-70=C, 69-60=D, 59 and below=F.

VII. Attendance Students are supposed to arrive **on time** for every class meeting. Students who are absent due to illness or emergency should notify the professor prior to class or soon afterward. Excused absences include participation in university-sponsored events, serious illness (if accompanied by a physician's note), military duties, or a family emergency. No more than three unexcused absences are accepted without penalty. Five unexcused absences will result in a failing grade. Prolonged absences for any reason will result in an incomplete or failing grade. Persistent tardiness will also have a detrimental effect on grades.

VIII. Dress Code Observe the Liberty Way. Food is not permitted. Students who are not in appropriate campus attire will **not** be admitted to class.

IX. Office Location, Phone, E-Mail, Hours

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CLASS SCHEDULE

August

Wed. 25 Introduction: Eccl. 1: 1-11; James V. Schall [see Blackboard]
 Fri. 27 Glenn Martin; www.biblicalchristianworldview.net [see Blackboard for study aids]
 Mon. 30 Russell Kirk [1]; Jeffrey Nelson [see Blackboard]; **Collateral:** Steven Samson www.visi.com/~contra_m/cm/features/cm11_models.html

September

Wed. 1 Francis Lieber [2-3]
 Fri. 3 René Girard [4-5]; **Collateral:** Gil Bailie: www.florilegia.org/articles-soul.shtml
 Mon. 6 M. 1; Herodotus [7]
 Wed. 8 M. 2; Thucydides [8]
 Fri. 10 M. 3; Titus Livius (Livy) [9]; FIRST TEST
 Mon. 13 M. 4; Augustine [10]
 Wed. 15 M. 5; Thomas Hobbes [11]
 Fri. 17 M. 6; Abraham Kuyper [12]
 Mon. 20 M. 7; David Hume [13]; SECOND TEST
 Wed. 22 M. 8; Abraham Lincoln [14]
 Fri. 24 M. 9; Edmund Burke [15]
 Mon. 27 M. 10; Jean-Jacques Rousseau [16]
 Wed. 29 M. 11; C. S. Lewis [17]; **Collateral:** Kelley L. Ross: www.friesian.com/rent.htm

October

Fri. 1 M. 12; Thomas Sowell [18]; THIRD TEST
 Mon. 4 M. 13; H. G. Wells [19]
 Wed. 6 Frederic Bastiat [20]: www.jim.com/bastiat.htm or [//bastiat.org/en/the_law.html](http://bastiat.org/en/the_law.html)
Collateral: Friedrich Hayek:

		www.jim.com/hayek.htm (Reader's Digest version), www.mises.org/TRTS.htm
Fri.	8	Bastiat: http://bastiat.org ; Paul Rahe [21-22]
Mon.	11	Rahe; B. Preface; Rom. 1-2
Wed.	13	B. Preface; Rom. 1-2 [study aids are on Blackboard]
Fri.	15	B. 1; FOURTH TEST
Mon.	18	B. 2
Wed.	20	B. 3
Fri.	22	B. 4
Mon.	25	B. 5
Wed.	27	B. 6
Fri.	29	B. 7
November		
Mon.	1	B. 8-9; FIFTH TEST
Wed.	3	René Williamson [23]; Collateral : Robert Heineman www.townhall.com/phillysoc/heineman.htm
Fri.	5	John Fonte [24]: www.orthodoxytoday.org/articles/FonteCultureWar.shtml Collateral : Kenneth Minogue [study aids are on Blackboard] www.newcriterion.com/archive/19/apr01/minogue.htm
Mon.	8	S. 1 [study aids are on Blackboard]
Wed.	10	S. 1
Fri.	12	S. 2; SIXTH TEST
Mon.	15	S. 2
Wed.	17	S. 3
Fri.	19	S. 3
Mon.	22	THANKSGIVING
Wed.	24	THANKSGIVING
Fri.	26	THANKSGIVING
Mon.	29	S. 4
December		
Wed.	1	S. 4-5; Kuehnelt-Leddihn [25]: www.townhall.com/phillysoc/Portland.htm
Fri.	3	Preliminary Discussions; SEVENTH TEST
Mon.	6	Discussions; Collateral : Whittaker Chambers www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/hiss/chambersletter.html
Wed.	8	Discussions
Fri.	10	Discussions

POTENTIAL DISCUSSION PANELS

Girard, René

- _____. *Deceit, Desire, and the Novel*, trans. Yvonne Freccero. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1966. 314pp. Girard's first book, a study of Cervantes, Stendhal, Flaubert, Dostoevsky, and Proust. Mimetic desire is introduced as "triangular desire."
- _____. *The Girard Reader*, ed. James G. Williams. New York: Crossroads Herder, 1996. 294pp.
- _____. *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning*, trans. James G. Williams. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2001. Girard explores a number of Biblical themes as he seeks to develop a Christian anthropology and shows how the Bible serves as an antidote to the scapegoating and persecution he sees at the heart of other religions.
- _____. *Oedipus Unbound: Selected Writings on Rivalry and Desire*, ed. Mark R. Anspach. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004. 123pp. The editor's nearly fifty page introduction is an excellent guide to Girard's work.
- _____. *The Scapegoat*, trans. Yvonne Freccero. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1986 [1982]. 212pp. Chapters on stereotypes of persecution, Teotihuacan, the Passion, the death of John the Baptist, Peter's denial, the Gerasene demons, and Satan.
- _____. *A Theater of Envy: William Shakespeare*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.

- 355pp. Girard examines the development of mimetic desire as an increasingly sophisticated theme in Shakespeare's work. Girard's review of several plays (and a lecture on Shakespeare in James Joyce's Ulysses) bears comparison with the analyses of Harold C. Goddard and Harold Bloom.
- _____. Things Hidden From the Foundation of the World. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1987 [1978]. The text is a series of dialogues and interviews on Girardian themes.
- _____. "To Double Business Bound": Essays on Literature, Mimesis, and Anthropology. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1978. 229pp. Studies in Dante, Camus, Dostoevsky, madness, comedy, the plague, Lévi-Strauss, and violence. PN 47 G5
- _____. Violence and the Sacred, trans. Patrick Gregory. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1977 [1972]. 318pp. Girard's initial foray into the subject of mythology, sacrifice, and religion, focusing on Oedipus and Dionysus as well as the theories of Frazer, Freud, and Lévi-Strauss. BL 600 G5413
- Golsan, Richard J. An Introduction to René Girard and Myth. New York: Routledge, 1993. 179pp. The book features an overview and analysis of Girard's major themes, followed by an interview and Girard's "A Venda Myth Analyzed."

Kuehnelt-Leddihn, Erik von

- Campbell, Francis Stuart [pseudonym]. The Menace of the Herd: or Procrustes at Large. Milwaukee: Bruce Publishing Company, 1943. 319pp. An analysis of the origins of and spread of totalitarianism. The author is described as follows on the slip cover: "Francis Stuart Campbell has led an adventurous life. Although a scholar, he has always been on the move. He was present in all the hot spots in Europe. There is not a revolution, a revolutionary government, or an upheaval in our times that he has not gone through personally. He was in Nazi Germany during the Reichparteitag; in Soviet Union during the big famine of 1932 and 1934; he witnessed two Austrian revolutions in 1934; he was on the front during the Spanish Civil War; he has seen the Italian Fascism in all its phases. He has observed the Croat unrest and numerous other upheavals of society."
- Kuehnelt-Leddihn, Erik von. Black Banners. Caldwell, ID: Caxton, 1954. A novel, dedicated to the author's European sons and his American daughter, about the interaction between America and Europe, indeed the necessity of marrying them in the struggle against totalitarian and materialistic ideologies.
- _____. Democracy Revisited. Philadelphia: Intercollegiate Society of Individualists, 1962. 27pp.
- _____. The Gates of Hell: An Historical Novel of the Present Day, trans. I. J. Collins. New York: Sheed & Ward, 1934 [1932]. 448pp. This novel is both a romantic espionage thriller and a manifesto on the conflict of Christianity and Communism. It was begun by the author in Helsinki and completed in Budapest.
- _____. The Intelligent American's Guide to Europe. New Rochelle, NY: Arlington House, 1979. 422pp. Not so much a travelogue as a treatise on the historical, geographic, cultural factors that have shaped Europe. After an overview, the author discusses each country, including some of the individual states that vanished into the Soviet Union. It concludes with "America, Europe, and the Continuing War." Personal copy on reserve.
- _____. Leftism: From de Sade and Marx to Hitler and Marcuse. New Rochelle, NY: Arlington House, 1974. 443pp. A history of socialistic intellectual and political currents, distinguishing between real and false liberalism and discussing the impact of Leftism on American foreign policy. It concludes with an appendix on a forgotten hero of the American war for independence: Charles-Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouërie. JC 571 K79
- _____. Leftism Revisited: From de Sade and Marx to Hitler and Pol Pot. Washington: Regnery Gateway, 1990. 340pp. A revision and updating of Leftism with chapters on the New Left, Conservatives and Liberals, and the appendix omitted. JC 571 K793
- _____. Liberty or Equality: The Challenge of Our Time. Front Royal: Christendom Press, 1993 [1952]. 284pp. A work of political theory that delineates the relation of democracy

- and totalitarianism, contrasts monarchism with both, and shows through electoral maps that Nazism thrived where Catholicism was recessive. This reprint edition omits the electoral maps of the original. Personal copy on reserve.
- _____, and Christiane von Kuehnelt-Leddihn. Moscow 1979. London: Sheed & Ward, 1946. 314pp. A futuristic novel on the devil and Communist human engineering. PT 2621 U336 M6
- _____, comp. The Principles of the Portland Declaration: A Guide for the Free World. New York: National Committee of Catholic Laymen, 1982. 21pp.
- _____. The Timeless Christian. Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1969. 206pp. A collection of essays, including "Monasticism," and illustrations by the author. BR 124 K813

Minogue, Kenneth R.

- _____. Alien Powers: The Pure Theory of Ideology. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985. 230pp. This work, written in Australia and the Netherlands, is a systematic treatment of the author's critique of the modern confusion of ideology (similar to Thomas Sowell's "unconstrained vision" or Irving Babbitt's "idyllic imagination") with politics.
- _____. The Concept of a University. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1973. 226pp. LB 2322 M56
- _____. The Liberal Mind. New York: Vintage Books, 1968 [1963]. 204pp. A critical analysis of the philosophy of liberalism and its political effects.
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SELECTED WEBSITES

Historical, Cultural, Religious, and Educational

- Acton Institute: www.acton.org
- Association for Classical Christian Education (Douglas Wilson): www.classicalhomeschooling.org
- Boundless: www.boundless.org
- Catholic Educator's Resource Center (CERC): <http://www.catholiceducation.org>
- Center for Public Justice: www.cpjustice.org
- Center for the Advancement of Paleo Orthodoxy (David Hall): www.capo.org
- Coalition on Revival (Jay Grimstead): www.reformation.net
- Contra Mundum: <http://www.contramundum.org>
- Cornerstone Forum (Gil Bailie, a René Girard protégé): www.florilegia.org
- Cultural Conservatism: www.culturalconservatism.org
- Ethics and Public Policy Center: www.eppc.org
- Family Research Council: www.frc.org
- Foundation for American Christian Education (Rosalie Slater): www.face.net
- Foundation for Economic Education: www.fee.org
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute: www.isi.org
- McKenzie Study Center and Gutenberg College: www.mckenziestudycenter.org
- New Criterion (Hilton Kramer and Roger Kimball): www.newcriterion.com
- Probe Ministries (Kerby Anderson): www.probe.org
- Reformation Covenant Church (RCC): <http://www.reformationcovenant.org/>
- Summit Ministries (David Noebel): www.summit.org
- Teaching Home: www.teachinghome.com
- Trinity Forum: www.tff.org
- WallBuilders (David Barton): www.wallbuilders.com
- Wilberforce Forum (Chuck Colson): <http://www.wilberforce.org>
- Williamsburg Charter: www.religioustolerance.org/wil_burg.htm
- Young America's Foundation (Ron Robinson): www.yaf.org

Individual Thinkers

- Bastiat, Frederic: <http://bastiat.org>
- Common Law Review (Ruben Alvarado): www.commonlawreview.com
- Dooyeweerd Centre for Christian Philosophy: www.redeemer.on.ca/Dooyeweerd-Centre

Free to Choose (Milton Friedman): www.freetochoose.com
 Kirk, Russell: www.kirkcenter.org www.townhall.com/notables/
 Kuehnelt-Leddihn, Erik von: www.townhall.com/phillysoc/erik.htm
 Lewis, C. S. www.cslewis.org
 Nickel, James D. www.biblicalchristianworldview.net
 Schaeffer, Francis. www.rationalpi.com
 Schall, James V. www.georgetown.edu/faculty/schallj
www.ewtn.com/library/THEOLOGY/FR92401.htm
 Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr (from Pegasus). <http://www.kirjasto.sci.fi/alesol.htm>
 Sowell, Thomas: www.tsowell.com
 Strauss, Leo. www.straussian.net
 Voegelin, Eric. www.ericvoegelin.org
Political and Legal
 American Conservative Union: www.conservative.org
 American Conservative Union Foundation: www.acuf.org
 American Enterprise Institute: www.aei.org
 Break Point (Charles Colson's Prison Fellowship): www.breakpoint.org
 Brookings Institution: www.brook.edu
 CATO Institute: www.cato.org
 Christian Coalition of America: www.cc.org
 Concerned Women for America (Beverly LaHaye): www.cwfa.org
 Eagle Forum (Phyllis Schlafly): www.eagleforum.org
 Foreign Policy Research Institute: www.fpri.org
 Free Congress Foundation: www.freecongress.org
 Heritage Foundation: www.heritage.org
 National Center for Policy Analysis: <http://www.ncpa.org/>
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