



POLITICAL IDEAS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the major political ideas that have shaped modern political theories and the structures of international relations. The goal of the course is to teach students to think critically about the major ideologies and political philosophies that continue to affect how most people view the world. The course aims to place political ideas in perspective and examine the strengths and weaknesses of different points of view. Students do not have to agree with the lecturer or memorize his opinions. Rather the course encourages students to think critically for themselves and form their own opinions about the major political ideas that shape our world. Critical thinking will be encouraged by lectures that present more than one point of view, readings from different perspectives and small groups where students discuss different opinions about the same ideas.

CREDIT

3 credit units

LECTURER



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SESSION THEMES

Session	Discussion	Learning Strategy
1.	Introduction: Ideas, Politics and Material conditions (Marx & Weber)	Class lecture and discussion
2.	Sovereignty of the People and Democracy (<i>musyawarah mufakat</i> , Pancasila, Plato, de Toqueville)	Class lecture and discussion
3.	Introduction: Ideas, Politics and Material conditions (Hegel, Marx and Weber)	Class lecture and discussion
4.	Sovereignty of the People, Democracy (<i>musyawarah mufakat</i> , Pancasila, Plato, de Toqueville)	Class lecture and discussion
5.	Dominant metaphors in political ideas: Social Contract theory, Family (Kekeluargaan), “state of nature”, primordial identity, “Imagined Communities”, “Indonesia” (Hobbes, Rousseau, Soeharto, Ben Anderson)	Class lecture and discussion
6.	Religion, secularism and politics. Europe and the wars of religion, Grotius, American & French revolutions, Indonesia and Pancasila; Civil Religion	Class lecture and discussion
7.	Equality and Liberalism: Individualism, Racism, Class and Gender	Class lecture and discussion
8.	Multiculturalism, Pluralism and Tolerance	Presentation and discussion
9.	Capitalism, Free Market: “Development” and “Progress”	Presentation and discussion
10.	Colonialism, Imperialism and World War I and II	Presentation and discussion
11.	Marxism, Socialism and Communism (basic ideas and historical development) MIDTERM TAKE-HOME EXAM	Class discussion and lecture Midterm take-home exam passed out

12	Class discussion	Lecture and class discussion
13.	MIDTERM EXAM DUE	Turn in the exam
14.	Political realism & “Raison D’Etat”; Bipolar world and Non-Alligned Movement (Machiavelli, Hobbes, Rousseau, Waltz)	Presentation and discussion
15.	Neo-Colonialism, Dependency and Neo- liberalism; Systems theory	Presentation and discussion
16.	Fundamentalisms: Religious and Secular; Terrorism	Class lecture and discussion
17.	FINAL EXAM take-home	Pass out the take-home exam
18.	Class discussion	Lecture and class discussion
19.	FINAL EXAM DUE	Turn in the exam

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