

HIST W4105: Intellectual Origins of Political Economy (Fall 2007)

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Tuesdays 11:00am-12:50pm
302 Fayerweather

Tuesday - September 04, 2007

Introduction

Tuesday - September 11, 2007

The Mandeville Paradox: Private Vices, Public Benefits (1)

Required Readings:

— Bernard Mandeville, *The Fable of the Bees* (1732), edited by F.B. Kaye (Liberty Fund, 2 vols.), vol. 1, pp. vii-cxli and 1-181 :

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The Mandeville Paradox: Private Vices, Public Benefits (2)

Required Readings:

— The Fable of the Bees, vol. 2, pp. 100-193 :
Recommended Readings:
— E.J. Hundert, *The Enlightenment's Fable* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) :

Tuesday - September 25, 2007

Commerce as a Civilizing Force (1)

Required Readings:

— Charles-Louis de Montesquieu, *The Spirit of the Laws* (1748), Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought, pp. 21-40 and 337-353 :
— Albert O. Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests* (Princeton University Press, 1977), pp. 1-93 :

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Commerce as a Civilizing Force (2)

Required Readings:

— The Spirit of the Laws, Book 21-22 (p. 354-456) :

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Commerce as a Civilizing Force (3)

Required Readings:

— David Hume, *Political Essays* (1752), Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought, pp. 4-92 :

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Commerce as a Civilizing Force (4)

Required Readings:

— Political Essays, pp. 93-160 :

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The Republican Critique of Commerce (1)

Required Readings:

— Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Basic Political Writings* (Hackett); *Second Discourse* (1755), pp. 25-109 :

Recommended Readings:

— J.G.A. Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment*, Princeton University Press, 1975 :

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The Republican Critique of Commerce (2)

Required Readings:

— Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on Political Economy* (1755), pp. 111-138 :

Tuesday - November 06, 2007

Election Day - University Holiday

Tuesday - November 13, 2007

Adam Smith's Political Economy (1)

Required Readings:

— Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* (1776), Glasgow edition (Liberty Fund, 2 vols.), vol. 1, pp. 1-36 and 330-375 :
— Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests*, pp. 93-135. :

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Adam Smith's Political Economy (2)

Required Readings:

— The Wealth of Nations, vol. 1, pp. 376-498 :
Recommended Readings:
— Donald Winch, *Adam Smith's Politics*, Cambridge University Press, 1978. :

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Adam Smith's Political Economy (3)

Required Readings:

— The Wealth of Nations, vol. 2 pp. 689-816 :
Recommended Readings:
— Emma Rothschild, *Economic Sentiments. Adam Smith, Condorcet and the Enlightenment*, Harvard University Press, 2000 :

Tuesday - December 04, 2007

Economics as an Autonomous Field of Knowledge

Required Readings:

— Jean-Baptiste Say, *Treatise on Political Economy* (1803), reprint of the 1832 American edition, Michigan Historical Reprint Series, pp. xiii-lx and 61-203 :

Recommended Readings:

— Richard Whatmore, *Republicanism and the French Revolution. An Intellectual History of Jean-Baptiste Say's Political Economy*, Oxford University Press, 2000. :