POLITICAL THEORY EXAMINATION BIBLIOGRAPHY (SPRING 2011 REVISION)

This bibliography is meant to assist you in your preparation for the political theory exam. You are not responsible for this whole bibliography. The exam will cover a reading list of at least 35 works. Each student’s list will consist of 20 required works in the history of political thought, and at least 15 optional works, subject to the following constraints:

1. At least 10 of the optional works must be from this bibliography. Up to 5 works may be from outside this bibliography, but must be approved by a faculty member in political theory.

2. At least 10 of the optional works should be works from the 20th or 21st century and may be drawn from sections VII (Earlier 20th Century), VIII (Contemporary Political Theory), or IX (Major Secondary Perspectives and Methodology) of this bibliography. Approved works from outside this bibliography may also be applied toward this quota if they are from the 20th or 21st century.

3. At least 5 of the optional works should be works of contemporary political theory and must be drawn either from section VIII of this bibliography or from outside this bibliography, in which case they must be certified by a faculty member as belonging to “Contemporary Political Theory.”

4. At least 1 of the optional works should be a work addressing major secondary perspectives or methodology and must come either from section IX of this bibliography or from outside this bibliography, in which case it must be certified by a faculty member as belonging to “Major Secondary Perspectives or Methodology.”

You’ll notice that a number of works in sections I-VII of this list have been marked with asterisks (*). The purpose of these asterisks is not to prescribe what ought to be on your list, but simply to give you some initial orientation within a very long bibliography. These asterisks indicate our sense that the designated work is, prima facie, an especially good place to begin with a particular author or period. This could be so for any of several reasons: because it is more accessible to a first-time reader than other works by the same author or in the same period; because it has a wider or deeper impact on later political thought; because it seems to us to be especially rich or profound; or because it is a work that is widely treated as especially important in the discipline and is therefore something you will likely be expected to know, and perhaps to teach, in the future. You are free to disregard these asterisks. Works that are currently on the list of required works for the exam have been kept on this bibliography but designated with boldface type.
I. ANCIENT POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) Fifth- and fourth-century Athens

*Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War

**Plato, Republic**
———, Apology, Crito, Phaedo
———, Gorgias
———, Laws
———, Statesman

Xenophon, Education of Cyrus

Demosthenes, Against Meidias, trans. MacDowell

**Aristotle, Politics**
———, Nicomachean Ethics
———, Rhetoric

*Aeschylus, Oresteia*

Sophocles, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone

Aristophanes, Clouds, Lysistrata, Wealth

(b) Hellenistic and Roman

Polybius, Rise of the Roman Empire, book VI

Lucretius, De Rerum Natura, book V

**Cicero, On the Commonwealth and On the Laws**
———, De Officiis (On Duties)
———, Selected Political Speeches, trans. Grant

Livy, Early History of Rome (Ab Urbe Condita, I–V)

Livy, Rome and Italy (Ab Urbe Condita, VI–X)

Seneca, Moral and Political Essays

Plutarch, lives of Lycurgus, Numa, Theseus, Romulus, Alcibiades, Coriolanus, Tiberius Gracchus, Alexander, Caesar, Cicero, Brutus, Dion

(c) Jewish and Christian Bible

Genesis, Exodus, Job, Samuel
Luke, Romans, Corinthians
II. MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) Augustine

Augustine, *City of God*, books IV, 3–4; V, 24; VIII, 1–11; XIV, 28; XV, 1–5; XIX, 4–22, 25–28; XX, 1–2
———, *De Doctrina Christiana*

(b) Medieval Arabic and Jewish

Farabi, *The Political Regime*
*———, The Attainment of Happiness*
Averroes, *Decisive Treatise*
Judah Halevi, *The Kuzari*

(c) Medieval Christian and secular

John of Salisbury, *Policratus*
*Aquinas, Summa Theologiae*, II.I.90–105; II.II.10–12; 40–42; 57; 104
John of Paris, *On Royal and Papal Power*
Dante, *De Monarchia*
Marsilius, *Defensor Pacis*
William of Ockham, *On Tyrannical Government*
Christine de Pizan, *Book of the City of Ladies*
Nicholas of Cusa, *The Catholic Concordance*
III. SIXTEENTH-CENTURY POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) Machiavelli and Renaissance Italy

**Machiavelli, Prince and Discourses on Livy**
Guicciardini, *Dialogue on the Government of Florence*

(b) Humanism, stoicism, skepticism

*Thomas More, Utopia*
Erasmus, *Education of a Christian Prince*
Lipsius, *De Constantia*
———, *Politiorum*

(b) Reformation, church, and political authority in the 16th century

*Luther and Calvin, Luther and Calvin on Secular Authority*, ed. Höpfl
La Boétie, *Voluntary Servitude*
*Vindiciae Contra Tyrannos*
Bacon, *New Atlantis*
———, *Essays*
Hooker, *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, preface, bks. 1, 8
Vitoria, *Political Writings*, ed. Pagden
IV. SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) Natural law in the seventeenth century

Althusius, *Politica*
*Grotius, Rights of War and Peace*, ed. Tuck, Prolegomena [Preliminary Discourse]; Book I: chs. 1, 2 (sections 1-4); Book II: chs. 1, 22, 24, 25; Book III: ch. 1 (sections 1-5 only), and chs. 7, 8, and 25.
Selden, *De Iure Naturali*
Pufendorf, *On the Duty of Man and Citizen*
Leibniz, *Political Writings*, ed. Riley

(b) Spinoza

Spinoza, *Political Treatise*
*———, Theologico-Political Treatise*

(c) The English revolution and after

**Hobbes, Leviathan**
———, *De Cive*
The Levellers, ed. Sharp
Milton, *Areopagitica*
———, *Tenure of Kings and Magistrates*
Harrington, *The Commonwealth of Oceana*
Winstanley, *The Law of Freedom*
Filmer, *Patriarcha*
Sidney, *Discourses*

**Locke, Second Treatise of Government and Letter Concerning Toleration**
———, *First Treatise of Government*
Cato’s Letters
V. EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) Enlightenment

Bayle, Philosophical Commentary
_Treatise of the Three Impostors_

Shaftesbury, _Characteristicks of Men, Manners, Opinions, and Times_ (“A Letter Concerning Enthusiasm,” “Sensus Communis,” and “An Inquiry Concerning Virtue and Merit”)

Mandeville, _Fable of the Bees_

Hutcheson, _Essay on the Nature and Conduct of the Passions and Affections_

*Montesquieu, Spirit of the Laws_, books 1–21, 26, 29
—__, _Persian Letters_


Helvétius, _De l’esprit_

_Rousseau, Of the Social Contract and Second Discourse_

*—__, First Discourse, Discourse on Political Economy, The State of War, and the Considerations on the Government of Poland.

*—__, _Emile_

—__, Letter to M. D’Alembert on the Theatre

Diderot, _Political Writings_, ed. Mason and Wokler


Condorcet, _Selected Writings_, ed. Baker

*Hume, Political Essays_, ed. Haakonsen.

—__, _Treatise of Human Nature_, book 3, parts 1–2; and _Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding_, section 3

*Smith, Wealth of Nations_, book I, chs. 1–10; books III-IV; book V, ch. 1

*—__, _Theory of Moral Sentiments_

—__, Lectures on Jurisprudence

Ferguson, _History of Civil Society_

*Bentham, Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation_

Bentham, _Selected Writings_, ed. Engelmann.

Kant, _Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals_

—__, _Toward Perpetual Peace and Other Writings_, ed. Kleingeld

—__, _Critique of Judgment_

—__, _Metaphysics of Morals_, ed. Gregor

Herder, _Philosophical Writings_, ed. Forster

Humboldt, _The Limits of State Action_

(b) Revolution and Founding

*Paine, Rights of Man_

—__, _Common Sense and Agrarian Justice_

_Federalist_ (1–2, 6–10, 14–28, 33, 36–58, 62–63, 70, 78–85)

Anti-Federalist Papers, ed. Ketcham, Part II

Sièyes, *What is the Third Estate?*

*Burke, Reflections on the Revolution in France*

*Burke, Burke on Empire, Liberty, and Reform*, ed. Bromwich

**Wollstonecraft, Vindication of the Rights of Woman**

Maistre, *Considerations on France*

*Burke, Paine, Godwin, and the Revolution Controversy*, ed. Marilyn Butler
VI. NINETEENTH-CENTURY POLITICAL THOUGHT

(a) From Kant to Marx

Fichte, *Addresses to the German Nation*
Fichte, *Foundations of Natural Right*, ed. Neuhouser

**Hegel, Philosophy of Right**
*———, Phenomenology of Spirit* (Preface, Introduction, chs. 4 [Self-Consciousness], 6 [Spirit])
*———, Political Writings* (Cambridge) or *Political Writings* (Oxford) and *Natural Law*

**Marx**, “On the Jewish Question”; “Introduction to the Critique of Hegel’s *Philosophy of Right*”; “Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844,” “The Communist Manifesto,” and *Capital*, vol. 1, excerpts in *The Marx-Engels Reader* or McLellan’s *Selected Writings*
*———, “The German Ideology” (part I); “Theses on Feuerbach”; “Communist Manifesto”; “18th Brumaire”; “Critique of the Gotha Programme”

(b) French Liberalism, Positivism, Radicalism

**Fourier, Theory of the Four Movements**
*Constant, “The Liberty of the Ancients Compared with That of the Moderns”
*Constant, “The Spirit of Conquest and Usurpation”

**Tocqueville, Democracy in America**
*———, The Old Regime and the Revolution*
*———, Writings on Slavery and Empire*

Guizot, ed. Craiu, Liberty Fund edition

**Comte, Early Political Writings**, ed. Jones

Proudhon, *What is Property?*

(c) Victorian Britain

**Owen, A New View of Society and Address to the Inhabitants of New Lanark**
Mill, “Bentham” and “Coleridge”

*———, On Liberty and The Subjection of Women*
*———, Representative Government*

**———, Utilitarianism**

**Carlyle, Past and Present**

**Arnold, Culture and Anarchy**

**Stephen, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity**

**Spencer, Man Versus the State**

**Bradley, Ethical Studies**

**Green, Lectures on the Principles of Political Obligation**


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(d) The United States


*Thoreau, *Civil Disobedience*; and “Slavery in Massachusetts”; “A Plea for Captain John Brown”; “Life without Principle” (all in *Political Writings*, Cambridge UP)


Calhoun, *A Disquisition on Government*

Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* and “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?”

Sumner, *What the Social Classes Owe to Each Other*

———, *Conquest of the United States by Spain*

Bellamy, *Looking Backward*

Adams, *The Education of Henry Adams*

(e) Later nineteenth-century works

Nietzsche, “Advantages and Disadvantages of History”

*———, Beyond Good and Evil*

———, *On the Genealogy of Morals*

———, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

Durkheim, *Division of Labor in Society* and “Individualism and the Intellectuals,” in *On Morality and Society*

Tönnies, *Community and Society*
VII. EARLIER TWENTIETH-CENTURY POLITICAL THOUGHT

Althusser, “Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses”

Arendt, The Human Condition
———, On Revolution
———, Origins of Totalitarianism
———, Lectures on Kant’s Political Philosophy
*Beauvoir, The Second Sex

Bosanquet, Philosophical Theory of the State
Bourne, War and the Intellectuals
British Pluralists, The Pluralist Theory of the State, ed. Hirst
Camus, The Rebel
Césaire, Discourse on Colonialism
*Dewey, The Public and its Problems
———, Human Nature and Conduct
———, Democracy and Education
Dewey and Tufts, Ethics, Part III
DuBois, Souls of Black Folk
———, Dusk of Dawn
*Fanon, Black Skin, White Masks
Fanon, Wretched of the Earth (and Sartre’s Preface)
Friedrich, Totalitarian Dictatorship and Autocracy
*Freud, Civilization and its Discontents
Freud, Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego

Gandhi, Selected Political Writings, ed. Dalton
Gierke, Political Theories of the Middle Age
*Gramsci, Selections from the Prison Notebooks, ed. Hoare and Smith
Hart, The Concept of Law
Hayek, The Constitution of Liberty and “The Use of Information in Society”
Hayek, The Road to Serfdom
*Heidegger, Being and Time
*Heidegger, The Question Concerning Technology
Heidegger, “Letter on Humanism”
Hobhouse, Liberalism
*Horkheimer and Adorno, Dialectic of Enlightenment
Horkheimer, Critical Theory
James, CLR, The Black Jacobins
Kallen, “Democracy Versus the Melting-Pot”
Kelsen, The Pure Theory of Law

King, Martin Luther, Jr., "Facing the Challenge of a New Age" [1956]; "Love, Law, and Civil Disobedience" [1961]; "If the Negro Wins, Labor Wins" [1961]; "I Have A Dream" [1963]; "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" [1963]; "A Time to Break Silence" [1967];
Where Do We Go From Here [1967]; "I See the Promised Land" [1968], all collected in A Testament of Hope
Kojève, Introduction to the Reading of Hegel
Laski, Studies in the Problem of Sovereignty
Lenin, State and Revolution
*Lukács, History and Class Consciousness
Luxemburg, Political Writings
Malcolm X Speaks
Marcuse, Eros and Civilization
Marshall, Citizenship and Social Class
Mead, Mind, Self, and Society
Memmi, Colonizer and the Colonized
Michels, Political Parties
Morgenthau, Scientific Man and Power Politics
Niebuhr, Moral Man and Immoral Society
Orwell, “Politics and the English Language”; “The Road to Wigan Pier,” “Shooting an Elephant”
Orwell, Homage to Catalonia
Popper, The Poverty of Historicism
———, The Open Society and its Enemies
Sartre, Anti-Semite and Jew
———, Critique of Dialectical Reason, selections.
Schmitt, Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy
*———, Concept of the Political
Schumpeter, Capitalism, Socialism, Democracy
*Strauss, Natural Right and History
Voegelin, The New Science of Politics
Washington, Up from Slavery
Weber, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
———, Economy and Society, I: 1–4; II: 9–10.
———, Methodology of Social Sciences
———, “Science as a Vocation” and “Politics as a Vocation”
Wittgenstein, Philosophical Investigations
Woolf, Three Guineas
VIII. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THOUGHT

Agamben, *Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life*
Badiou, *Metapolitics*
Barber, *Strong Democracy*
Barry, *Political Argument*
Barry, *Justice as Impartiality*
Beitz, *The Idea of Human Rights*
Benhabib, *Situating the Self*
Benhabib, *Another Cosmopolitanism*
Benhabib, *Democracy and Difference*
Bourdieu, *Outline of a Theory of Practice*
Brown, *Regulating Aversion*
Brown, *States of Injury*
Butler, *Gender Trouble*
———, *Precarious Life*
G. A. Cohen, *Rescuing Justice and Equality*
Joshua Cohen, *Philosophy, Politics, Democracy*
Jean Cohen and Arato, *Civil Society and Political Theory*
Connolly, *Identity\Difference*
Connolly, *Pluralism*
Dahl, *Democracy and its Critics*
Derrida, *Of Grammatology*
———, *The Politics of Friendship*
———, *Rogues*
Dworkin, *Taking Rights Seriously*
———, *Law's Empire*
Elster, *Ulysses and the Sirens*
Ferry and Renault, *From the Rights of Man to the Republican Idea* (Political Philosophy, vol. 3)
Flathman, *Wilful Liberalism*
Forst, *Contexts of Justice*
Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*
———, *Power/Knowledge*
Fraser, *Scales of Justice*
Fraser, *Unruly Practices*
Fraser and Honneth, *Redistribution or Recognition?*
Fuller, *Morality of Law*
Galston, *Liberal Purposes*
Gilroy, *Black Atlantic*
Goodin, *Utilitarianism as a Public Philosophy*
Gutmann, *Democratic Education*
Habermas, *Structural Transformation*
———, *Theory of Communicative Action*, selections (consult your approver)
———, *Between Facts and Norms*
———, *Between Naturalism and Religion*
———, *Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*
Hampshire, *Innocence and Experience*
Harald and Negri, *Empire*
Harald and Negri, *Multitude*
Havel, “Power of the Powerless”
Holmes, *Passions and Constraint*
Honig, *Political Theory and the Displacement of Politics*
Honig, *Emergency Politics*
Honneth, *The Struggle for Recognition*
Honneth, *Reification*
hooks, *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center*
Irigaray, *Ethics of Sexual Difference* (or *This Sex?*)
Ivison, *Postcolonial Liberalism*
Kateb, *The Inner Ocean*
Kateb, *Patriotism and Other Mistakes*
Kittay, *Love’s Labor*
Kukathas, *The Liberal Archipelago*
Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*
———, *Liberalism, Community, and Culture*
Laclau and Mouffe, *Hegemony and Socialist Strategy*
Larmore, *Patterns of Moral Complexity*
Lefort, *Political Forms of Modern Society*
Lycotard, *Just Gaming*
———, *The Differend*
Macedo, *Liberal Virtues*
MacIntyre, *After Virtue*
———, *Whose Justice? Which Rationality?*
MacKinnon, *Feminist Theory of the State*
Manent, *The City of Man*
Miller, *Principles of Social Justice*
Miller, *On Nationality*
Mills, *The Racial Contract*
Mills and Pateman, *The Contract and Domination*
Moon, *Constructing Community*
Nancy, *The Experience of Freedom*
Nozick, *Anarchy, State, Utopia*
Nussbaum, *Women and Human Development*
Okin, *Justice, Gender and the Family*
Pateman, *The Sexual Contract*
———, *Participation and Democratic Theory*
Pettit, *A Theory of Freedom*
Pettit, *Republicanism*
Phillips, *Engendering Democracy*
Pitkin, *The Concept of Representation*
Rancière, *Disagreement*

Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*
— — , *Political Liberalism*
— — , *Law of Peoples*
— — , *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*

Raz, *The Morality of Freedom*

Rorty, “The Priority of Democracy to Philosophy” and *Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity*

Rosenblum, ed., *Liberalism and the Moral Life*
— — , *Membership and Morals*

Sandel, *Liberalism and the Limits of Justice*

D. Scott, *Conscripts of Modernity*

J. Scott, *Domination and the Arts of Resistance*

J. Scott, *Seeing Like A State*

Sen, *Reexamining Inequality*

Sen, *The Idea of Justice*

Shapiro, *Democratic Justice*

Shelby, *We Who Are Dark*

Shklar, *Ordinary Vices*

Skinner, *Liberty Before Liberalism*

Taylor, “Atomism,” “What’s Wrong with Negative Liberty,” and “Cross-Purposes”

Taylor, *Sources of the Self*

Taylor, *A Secular Age*

Thompson, *Political Ethics and Public Office*

Tuck, *Free Riding*

Tully, *Strange Multiplicity*

Waldron, *Law and Disagreement*

Waldron, *Liberal Rights*

Waldron, *Torture, Terror, and Trade-Offs*

Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*
— — , *Just and Unjust Wars*
— — , *Interpretation and Social Criticism*

Warner, *Publics and Counterpublics*

West, *Prophesy Deliverance!*

Wolff, *In Defence of Anarchism*

Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference*

Young, *Inclusion and Democracy*

Young, *Responsibility for Justice*

Zizek, *The Sublime Object of Ideology*
IX. Major Secondary Perspectives and Methodology

Ball, Farr, and Hanson, *Political Innovation and Conceptual Change*
Benhabib, *Critique, Norm and Utopia*
*Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought*, ed. Rowe and Schofield
Cartledge, *Ancient Greek Political Thought in Practice*
Connolly, *Political Theory and Modernity*
———, *Terms of Political Discourse*
Elshtain, *Public Man, Private Woman*
Euben, *The Tragedy of Political Theory*
Gadamer, *Truth and Method*
Haakonsen, *Natural Law and Moral Philosophy*
Hadot, *Philosophy as a Way of Life*
Hirschman, *The Passions and the Interests*
Honneth, *The Critique of Power*
Hont, *Jealousy of Trade*
Israel, *A Revolution of the Mind*
Kolakowski, *Main Currents of Marxism*
Macpherson, *Political Theory of Possessive Individualism*
Marcuse, *Reason and Revolution*
Nussbaum, *The Fragility of Goodness*
Ober, *Political Dissent in Democratic Athens*
Okin, *Women in Western Political Thought*
Pippin, *Modernism as a Philosophical Problem*
Pitkin, *Wittgenstein and Justice*
Pocock, *The Machiavellian Moment*
———, *Politics, Language, and Time*
———, *Political Thought and History*
Rawls, *Collected Papers*
Richter, *The History of Social and Political Concepts*
Sabine, *A History of Political Theory*
Said, *Orientalism*
Schneewind, *The Invention of Autonomy*
Shapiro, ed., *Language and Politics*
Shklar, *Political Thought and Political Thinkers*
Skinner, *Foundations of Modern Political Thought*
Strauss, *The City and Man*
Strauss and Cropsey, eds., *History of Political Philosophy*
Strauss, *Introduction to Political Philosophy*
Strong, *The Idea of Political Theory*
Taylor, *Philosophical Papers*, vol. 1
Tuck, *The Rights of War and Peace*
Tully, ed., *Meaning and Context: Quentin Skinner and His Critics*
Tully, *Public Philosophy in a New Key*
Wolin, *Politics and Vision*
———, “Political Theory as a Vocation”
Yack, *The Longing for Total Revolution*