**Required Books**

L.H. Simon (ed.), *Karl Marx: Selected Writings* (Hackett, 1994).


There will be a number of items available only on the internet site, and class handouts, indicated in the syllabus.

**SYLLABUS**

August 27

**Introduction:**

What is expected of me; what is expected of you; historical background and rationale of the course.

Read: "Why Study the Classics?" and Routledge Encyclopedia Part I (all) and Part II, through Rousseau, on Website. Optional: Burawoy, Patterson, Manicas on this site.

**Early Modern Antecedents**

September 3, 10

Read: Selections from Hobbes, Locke, Adam Smith and Rousseau. Available on internet. Go to Table of Contents. See also, "Big Picture," "Psychometric Paradigm."

**First Essay: Due 18 September: See Assignments**

**COMTE**

September 17

Read Comte (handout) and materials on Website.

**MARX**

September 24

**Philosophical Premises**


**Theory of History and Society**

October 1
Website: "Society and History," "Historical Materialism: Two Views." Simon, "German Ideology, Part I," "Communist Manifesto," "The Eighteenth Brumaire," "Preface to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy." (The complete, 18th Brumaire is available below, and is to be recommended.

**Analysis of Capitalism**

October 8

Simon, "Capital, Volume One." Website: "Reading Capital”.

**Best Secondary Source**, Shlomo Avineri, *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx*  
(Cambridge University Press, 1971)

**Second Essay: Due October 15**

**WEBER**

**Philosophical Premises**

October 15

Assign: Website: "Reading Weber," "Encyclopedia," through Weber. ,

Weber, "'Objectivity' in Social Science" (handout).

October 22, 29

**Economic History/Political Sociology**

Website, "Chapter 5, Realist Historical Sociology," Weber, "General Economic History"  
(excerpts: handout); Gith and Mills, "Capitalism and Rural Society in Germany," pp. 363-385;  
"Politics as a Vocation," pp. 77-128; Part II (all). "Class, Status." Optional: Gith and Mills, Part  
III; and Chapters XVI, "India," and XVII, "The Chinese Literati."

**Secondary Source:** Virtually every contemporary theorist has a version of Weber. I favor C.W. Mills  

**LERNER**

November 5

*The Creation of Patriarchy* (all).

**Third Essay: Due November 12**

**DURKHEIM**

November 12

**Philosophical Premises**


November 19

**Solidarity**

*The Division of Labor in Society* (all)

**Explaining Suicide**

Website: "Confusions over Causality," "Limits of Multiple Regression, Durkheim, *Suicide* (all)  
(Purchase this from Amazon.)


Thanksgiving Break
December 3

**MEAD**


Mead Glossary.

December 10

**PARSONS**

Read Handout and materials on this site under Parsons.

**Final Paper: Due 17 December 2009**

Have a wonderful Holiday!!!