

Karl Marx (1818-1883)

Main contribution
to sociology:

Analysis of class inequality
– the economic basis
of poverty





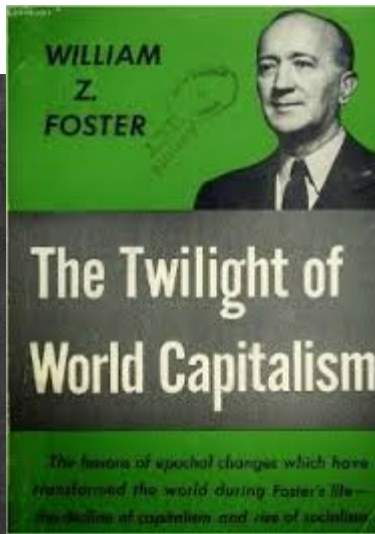
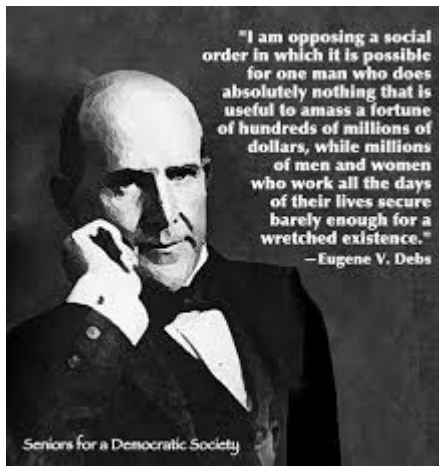






"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one of uniting all working people of all nations, tongues and kindreds."

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN



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Books to Be Bought

Eaton, Political Economy

Selsam and Martel, Reader in Marxist Philosophy

Hobsbawm, Age of Empire

Hobsbawm, Age of Extremes

Links to free ebooks

[Age of Empire](#)

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[The Age of Empire - pratclif.com](#)

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[The Age of Extremes: 1914-1991 - WordPress.com](#)

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Tony Pecinovsky, [Let Them Tremble:100 Years of the CPUSA](#)

Sommerville, Philosophy of Marxism(optional)

Course Work

The course will deal in the first segment, with the roots and foundations of Marxist theory and the development of the movements for socialism and communism in Europe and the United States in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

In the second segment, the course will focus on the struggles to establish socialism and communism on the world scene,, concentrating on the Russian Revolution, its world impact, the backlash to it, the effects of World War II, the Chinese Revolution, and the cold war on the varieties of and movements for socialism and communism.

Students will be required to do a take-home midterm, and a take-home final examination, which will be posted in the canvas assignment tab.

Reading assignments vary, in that those in the first segment are light, although difficult since they deal with philosophy and political economy, and those in the second segment (biographies, historical monographs) are heavier Do your best to keep up with the work in these difficult times

The course aims, through diverse primary and secondary sources, to help students develop a framework for understanding socialist/communist ideology and the influence and contributions of the movements for socialism and communism to modern U.S. and world history

Course Outline

January 18 -General Theme Course Introduction Video: The International

Week of -January 25-- Marxism, Socialism, Communism- Course Themes and Definitions Eaton, Economy, chap.1. Selsam,Reader, pp.17-41

Week of Feb 1-- Historical Materialism and History - Readings Selsam, Reader, pp.45-65. 78-93

Week of - Feb 8--Historical background to Capitalism--Eaton, Economy, chaps. 3, Selsam, Reader,pp. 94-114 Video-excerpts

from Winstanley

Week of- Feb 15 -Early Marxism to 1848-- Eaton, Economy,
chaps.2, 4, 5, Selsam,Reader,pp. 182-206

Week of- Feb 22 The Communist Manifesto and the European
Revolutions. Eaton, Economy, chap.8 Selsam, Reader, pp. 207-
233 Video--Burn

Week of-March 1 Mature Marxism: the First International to the
Paris Commune Eaton, Economy, chap.9, Selsam, Marx, pp. 248-274
Selsam,Reader, pp. 240-274 Hobsbawm, Empire, chaps 1-2

Week of-March 8 Capitalist Imperialism and the Rise of the
Second International--Hobsbawm,Empire chaps 3-7, 12-13, Video-
The Organizer

Week of-March 22 Imperialist World War and the Prelude to
Socialist Revolution--Hobsbawm, Extremes, chaps 1-2
Take-home midterm given out

Week of-March 29 -The Russian Empire Socialist Revolution and
the Communist New Left--Hobsbawm, Extremes, chap 3
Take-home midterm due Video-October, 10 days that shook
the world

Week of-April 5 The Socialist-Communist Schism and the World
Economic Crisis --Hobsbawm, Extremes, chap 4-5

Week of-April 12 The Socialist and Communist Movements and the
Struggle against Fascism: Strategies and Tactics --Hobsbawm,
Extremes, chap 6-7
Video-1900

Week of- April 19 The Second World War as a World Revolutionary
War: The Chinese Revolution and the Cold War Hobsbawm,
Extremes, chaps 8-10
Video-The Founding of a Republic

Week of April 26 The Chinese Revolution, the Restructuring of
World Capitalism, the Struggle for the "Third World"and the
Future of Socialism in the 21st Century-- Hobsbawm, Extremes,
chaps 11-16 Begin Pecinovsky, Let Them Tremble Videos,
Lumumba, Small Happiness final exam place in assignment tab

Week of May 1 Course conclusion "Socialism or Barbarism": The Socialist and Communist Movements today and the Struggle against "neo liberalism" and "neo fascism" Complete Peviconovsky and Hobsbawn, epilogue.