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# Harvard University

# Social Studies 98ax

**Fall 2019**

**Development and Modernization: A Critical Perspective Stephen A Marglin**

**Preliminary Syllabus**

The class will ordinarily meet on **Tuesdays** **12:15-2:15 pm**, in Littauer Center (North Yard) M-42. The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 10**. I would like to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, November 26, to **Thursday, November 21**, to extend your Thanksgiving Break. That will work if you can keep **Thursday, November 21, 12:15-2:15 pm**, free from other commitments. The meeting for **Tuesday, October 1,** also needs to be rescheduled because it falls on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. I will reschedule that meeting for **Thursday, October 3, 12:15-2:15 pm.** Please let me know if that time cannot be made to work for you.

The syllabus groups readings week by week. *The discussion at the first meeting will focus on the readings for Topic 1, "Introduction: Modernity and Development." You are expected to read this material before the meeting and be prepared to discuss it.* I realize that this will make for a busy week!

Pink indicates required readings not available electronically, but on reserve at Lamont Library

\* indicates optional material

# Introduction: Modernity and Development, (September 10)

W. A. Lewis, *The Theory of Economic Growth*, Appendix, pp. 420-435.

S. Huntington, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order,* ch 3, pp 56-78.

F. Apffel Marglin, "Smallpox in Two Systems of Knowledge," in Apffel Marglin and S. Marglin (eds.), *Dominating Knowledge*, ch 4, pp. 102-144.

R. Caro, *The Years of Lyndon Johnson*, v. 1, *The Path to Power*, ch 27-28, pp. 502-528.

S. Bender, "Everyday Sacred: A Journey to the Amish," in *Utne Reader*, Sept/Oct, 1990, pp. 91-99. (Reprinted from *Plain and Simple: A Journey to the Amish*, 1989.)

~~K. Russell, "The Boys of Lancaster,"~~ *~~The New Republic,~~* ~~March 22, 2013.~~

R. Yoder, "Amish Agriculture in Iowa: Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Small-Farm Systems," *Studies in Technology and Social Change*, No. 15, Iowa State University Research Foundation, 1990, ch 2 and 4, pp. 11-21 and 31-45.

"FC" [The Unabomber], [*The Unabomber Manifesto: Industrial Society and Its Future*](http://cyber.eserver.org/unabom.txt)*,* Sections 93-139, pp. 30-46.

A. Hochschild, "The Brick Master of Kerala," *Mother Jones*, July/August 2000, pp 64-69.

S. Eisentstadt, “Multiple Modernities,” *Daedalus*, **129**: 1-29 (2000).

# Premises of Modern Society, I: Individualism and Self Interest (September 17)

# D. Brooks, "Freedom Loses One," *The New York Times*, April 1, 2013.

C. Macpherson, "[Individualism,](http://www.dictionaryofeconomics.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/article?id=pde1987_X001114)" in J. Eatwell *et al* (eds), *The New Palgrave: A Dictionary of Economics*, v. **2**, pp. 790-793.

S. Lukes, *Individualism,* ch 1-2, 8-11, pp. 3-22, 52-78 (Blackwell edition 1973)

R. Bellah and others, *Habits of the Heart,* updated edition (1996), Preface and ch 6; pp. vii-xiii, 142-163.

J. Appleby, *Economic Thought and Ideology in Seventeenth Century England,* ch 3, pp. 52-72.

C. Macpherson, “Introduction,” in T. Hobbes, *Leviathan* (Penguin Classics edition), pp 9-63.

Wace, *Roman de Rou,* trans. G Burgess, Societe Jersiaise, 2002, pp 124-127, lines 815-958.

W. Shakespeare, [*The Merchant of Venice*](https://books.google.com/books?vid=HARVARD:HN3L8C&printsec=titlepage#v=onepage&q&f=false)*.*

C. Macpherson, "Introduction," in J. Locke, *Second Treatise of Government* (Hackett edition), pp vii-xxi.

B. Mandeville, "The Grumbling Hive," in *The Fable of the Bees,* F. B. Kaye (ed.), v.1, pp. 17-37.

A. Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, E. Cannan, ed., (1937), Book I, ch 2; Book IV, ch 2, pp. 13-16, 420-439. [http://www.econlib.org/BOOK](http://www.econlib.org/library/Smith/smWN.html) [ON/Smith/smWN.html](http://www.econlib.org/library/Smith/smWN.html) Sections I.2.1-I.2.5; IV.2.1-IV.2.45.

# Premises of Modern Society, II: Rationality and Systems of Knowledge (September 24)

R. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance,* ch 6, 8, 18, 19 (part): pp. 69-80, 97-104, 212-223, 228-240.

S. Toulmin, *Cosmopolis*, New York: Free Press, 1990, pp. 80-87, 198-201.

R. Popkin, *The History of Skepticism from Erasmus to Spinoza*, ch 1-3 and 9, pp. 1-65 and 172-192.

D. Chakrabarty, [*Provincializing Europe*, Epilogue](http://quod.lib.umich.edu.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=acls;idno=heb04798), pp. 237-255.

S. Marglin, *The Dismal Science,* ch 7, "How Do We Know When We Do Not Know?"

C. Gilligan, *In a Different Voice*, introduction, ch 1-2, pp. 1-63

# Premises of Modern Society, III: A World without Limits (October 3—note the change in schedule)

T. Malthus, *An Essay on the Principle of Population* (P. Appleman, ed.), preface, ch 1-2, pp vii-viii and 1-11. [www.esp.org/books/malthus/population/malthus.pdf](http://www.esp.org/books/malthus/population/malthus.pdf)

J. S. Mill, *Principles of Political Economy*, book 4, ch 6 ("Of the Stationary State"), pp 746-751 in the Ashley edition. <http://www.econlib.org/library/Mill/mlP61.html#Bk.IV,Ch.VI>

G. Foster, "[Peasant Society and the Image of Limited Good](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0002-7294%28196504%292%3A67%3A2%3C293%3APSATIO%3E2.0.CO%3B2-T)," *American Anthropologist*, 1965, pp. 293-315.

D. Meadows and others, "The Limits to Exponential Growth," in *The Limits to Growth*, (1972), ch2, pp 53-94. An updated version is available as "The Limits: Sources and Sinks," in *Beyond the Limits* (1992), ch 3, pp 44-102, but the earlier edition is preferred.

T. Jackson, [*Prosperity Without Growth*](http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/publications.php?id=915)*?* Summary, pp 6-13. (If link is broken, try home page: [http://www.sd-](http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/) [commission.org.uk](http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/) )

J. M. Keynes, "Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren," in *Essays in Persuasion* (Macmillan 1933 edition) pp. 358-373.

E. Durkheim, *The Division of Labor in Society*, book 2, ch 1, pp. 233-255.

R. Easterlin, "[Will Raising the Income of All Increase the Happiness of All?"](http://www.sciencedirect.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/science/journal/01672681/27/1) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 1995, 27:35-47.

J. Yardley, "Well-Off but Still Pressed, Doctor Could Use Tax Cut," *New York Times,* April 7, 2001,

E Warren and A Tyagi, *The Two-Income Trap,* ch 2, pp 15-32, 46-54.

S. Lebergott, *Pursuing Happiness: American Consumers in the Twentieth Century,* ch 1 and Part II, Major Trends, 1900-1990, Housing, pp 3-11, 95-103.

M. Sahlins, "The Original Affluent Society," *Stone Age Economics*, ch 1, pp. 1-39.

T. Veblen, *The Theory of the Leisure Class* (Houghlin Mifflin 1973 edition), ch 2, pp. 33-40.

A. deTocqueville, *Democracy in America*, **2,** part 2, ch 10-13. (Starts “Of the taste for physical well-being…”) [http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/colophon.html.](http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/colophon.html)

# Premises of Modern Society IV: The Nation State (October 8)

E. Gellner, *Nations and Nationalism,* ch 3-5, pp 22-58.

L. Greenfeld, *Nationalism*, Introduction and ch 1-2, pp. 3-21, 28-66.

L. Greenfeld, *The Spirit of Capitalism: Nationalism and Economic Growth,* Introduction, pp 21-26.

B. Anderson, [*Imagined Communities*,](http://hdl.handle.net.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/2027/heb.01609.0001.001) ch 1-3, 5, pp. 11-49 and 67-79.

A. Marx, *Faith in Nation: Exclusionary Origins of Nationalism,* ch 1 and 7, pp 3-32 and 191-206.

S. Huntington, *Who are We?*, Foreword, ch 1-4, 11-12, pp xv-xvii, 3-80, 295-366.

C. Taylor, “Democratic Exclusion (and Its Remedies), <http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2002-02-21-taylor-en.html>

J. Scott, *The Politics of the Veil,* Introduction, pp 1-20.

E Gellner, "Religion and the Profane," [http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2000-08-28-](http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2000-08-28-gellner-en.html) [gellner-en.html](http://www.eurozine.com/articles/2000-08-28-gellner-en.html)

# What Has Been Lost? And How? (October 15)

D. Danbom, *The Resisted Revolution: Urban America and the Industrialization of Agriculture*, ch 1-3, 7; pp. 3-74, 138-145.

C. Quintanilla, “The Hog Farmers’ Losses Put a Butcher Shop on Knife-Edge,” *Wall Street Journal*, March 24, 1999, 4 pp.

W. Berry, "Does Community Have A Value?" in *Home Economics*, pp. 179-192.

A. deTocqueville, *Democracy in America*, **2**, part 2, ch 1-2. <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/colophon.html>[Title starting "Why democratic nations..."]

G Simmel, "The Metropolis and Mental Life," in Kurt Wolff (ed.), *The Sociology of Georg Simmel* [http://www.wellpublishing.com/content/BPL\_Images/Content\_store/Sample\_chap](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/content/BPL_Images/Content_store/Sample_chapter/0631225137/Bridge.pdf) [ter/0631225137/Bridge.pdf](http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/content/BPL_Images/Content_store/Sample_chapter/0631225137/Bridge.pdf)

J. Jacobs, *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, ch 2-4 (pp 29-88 in Vintage Edition, 1992).

R. Putnam, *Bowling Alone*, ch 1, 10, 15, 16, pp 15-28, 183-188, 277-284, 287-295.

F. Toennies, *Community & Society*, Part 4: "Conclusions and Outlook," pp 223-235.

M. Sandel, *Democracy's Discontents: America in Search of a Public Philosophy*, ch 1, pp. 3-24.

J. Rawls, “The Idea of public Reason Revisited, *University of Chicago Law Review*, 64:3, pp 765-807 (1997)

# Pathologies of Modernity I: From Eugenics to Designer Babies (October 22)

# (A word to the wise: the reading assignment for this week being relatively short, 100 pages more or less, get a head start on next week's relatively long assignment, 300 pages more or less)

E. Black, War Against the Weak, ch 1-3, 6, pp 3-41, 105-123.

T. Leonard, "[Retrospectives: Eugenics and Economics in the Progressive Era](http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/4134963)," *Journal of Economic Perspectives,* **19(4)**: 207-224 (2005).

A. Cohen, [“Eugenics at Harvard,”](https://www.harvardmagazine.com/2016/03/harvards-eugenics-era) *Harvard Magazine*, March-April 2016, pp 48-52.,

A. Imparato and A. Sommers, "[Haunting Echoes of Eugenics](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/05/18/AR2007051801802.html)," *Washington Post*, May 20, 2007, p B-07.

M. Sandel, "[The Ethical Implications of Human Cloning](http://muse.jhu.edu.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/journals/perspectives_in_biology_and_medicine/v048/48.2sandel.html)," *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine,* **48**(2): 241-247.

R. Bailey, "Hooray for Designer Babies," *Reasononline.* <http://www.reason.com/news/printer/34776.html>

16, pp 4-5

# Pathologies of Modernity II: Nazism and the Holocaust (October 29)

C. Browning (with J. Matthaus), *The Origins of the Final Solution,* ch 1, pp 1-11

R. Evans, *The Coming of the Third Reich,* ch 1, pp 22-41 ("Gospels of Hate")

J. Herf, *Reactionary Modernism*, ch 1, pp. 1-17.

C. Koonz, *The Nazi Conscience,* ch 1, pp 4-16.

E. Black, *War Against the Weak*, ch 15, pp 279-318.

C. Browning, *The Path to Genocide,* ch 7, pp 145-168.

R. Lifton, [*The Nazi Doctors*](http://www.holocaust-history.org/lifton/)*,* Introduction to Part II, ch 8-9, \*16, \*17, 19, \*20, pp. 163-192, \*303-383, pp. 418-429, \*430-465 (E-book at Mazal Library, Holocaust History Project)

~~C. Browning,~~ *~~Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland~~*~~, Afterword, pp 191-223~~.

Z. Bauman, *[Modernity and the Holocaust](http://solomon.soth.alexanderstreet.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/asp/philo/soth/sourceidx.pl?sourceid=S10023094)*, ch 1-4, \*5-8, pp. 1-116, \*117-207.

# The Ideology of Dominance and the Colonial Origins of Development (November 5)

T. Todorov, *The Conquest of America*, pp. 146-167.

K. Marx, "On Imperialism in India," in Robert C. Tucker (ed.) *The Marx-Engels Reader*, pp. 653-664.

E. Said, *Orientalism*, Introduction and ch 1, pp 1-28 and 31-48.

T. Mitchell, *Colonising Egypt*, ch 3, 5, 6; pp 63-94, 154-160, 172-179.

B. Anderson, *Imagined Communities*, ch 6-7, pp 80-128.

# The Responses of the Colonized: From Liberation Struggle to Terror (November 12)

F. Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, pp. 83-106 (Grove Press paperback edition).

M. Walzer, *The Paradox of Liberation*, ch 4, pp 104-133.

S. Kalyvas, "[Wanton and Senseless? The Logic of Massacres in](http://rss.sagepub.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/content/11/3/243.full.pdf%2Bhtml) [Algeria](http://rss.sagepub.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/content/11/3/243.full.pdf%2Bhtml)," *Rationality and Society*, 1999, **11**(3):243-285.

W. Sebald, *On the Natural History of Destruction,* pp 26-30.

C. Carr, *The Lessons of Terror,* pp 175-183.

D. Rapoport, "[Fear and Trembling: Terrorism in Three Religious Traditions](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0003-0554%28198409%2978%3A3%3C658%3AFATTIT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-1)," *American Political Science Review,* **78**:3 (1984), 658-677.

M. Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God* (updated edition, 2000), ch 2, pp 19-36; ch 3, pp 49-59.

Z. Sardar and M Davies, *Why Do People Hate America?,* ch 7, pp 193-211.

B. Lewis, [*What Went Wrong?*](http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic1446943.files/Topic_10/Topic10_Lewis.pdf) *The Clash Between Islam and Modernity in the Middle East*, Conclusion, pp 151-160.

R. Euben, "[Comparative Political Theory: An Islamic Fundamentalist Critique of](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0022-3816%28199702%2959%3A1%3C28%3ACPTAIF%3E2.0.CO%3B2-0) [Rationalism](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0022-3816%28199702%2959%3A1%3C28%3ACPTAIF%3E2.0.CO%3B2-0)," *Journal of Politics* (1997) **59**:28-55.

L. Ahmed, *A Border Passage*, pp 119-134, 202-205, 243-270.

# Alternative Forms of Resistance from the Indian Independence Movement to the Arab Spring (November 19)

A. Nandy, *Intimate Enemy.*

J. Nehru, *Glimpses of World History*, pp. 345-349, 521-526, 865-875.

J. Nehru, *Discovery of India* (Meridian 1947 edition), pp. 429-461.

M. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj* (Ahmedabad: Navajivan, 1938 [originally published 1908]), pp. 7-10, 44-54, 93-97).

P. Chatterjee, [*Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative*](http://hdl.handle.net.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/2027/heb.02425.0001.001)[*Discourse,*](http://hdl.handle.net.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/2027/heb.02425.0001.001) ch 4, pp 85-130.

G. Sharp, *Waging Nonviolent Struggle*, ch 1-2, 7, 9-10; pp 13-38, 101-112, 135-148.

J. Goldstone, "[Understanding the Revolutions of 2011](http://search.proquest.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/docview/863517121?accountid=11311)," *Foreign Affairs,* May/June 2011, vol. 90.

# Women and Modernization (November 21-note change in schedule)

E. Fox Genovese, *Feminism Without Illusion: A Critique of Individualism*, ch 2 and 5, pp. 33-54 and 119-131.

A-M Slaughter, *Unfinished Business*, ch 4, pp 81-100, and ch 5-6, pp 119-147.

K. Jayawardena, [*Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*,](http://hdl.handle.net.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/2027/heb.02511.0001.001) ch 1, \*3 and \*Conclusion, pp. 1-24, \*43-56, and \*254-261. (E-book on HOLLIS)

C. Johnson-Odim, "Common Themes, Different Contexts: Third World W omen and Feminism," in C Mohanty *et al, Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism,* pp 314-327.

B. Hooks, *Ain’t I A Woman*, ch 5, pp 159-196.

L. Ahmed, *Women and Gender in Islam*, ch 8, pp. 144-168.

S. Mahmood, *Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject*, ch 1, pp 1-17, 27-32, and 36-39.

F. Apffel-Marglin, "Woman's Blood: Challenging the Discourse of Development," *The Ecologist* 1992, **22**:22-32.

# Cultural Relativism? (December 3)

M. Nussbaum, "[Human Functioning and Social Justice: In Defense of Aristotelian](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0090-5917%28199205%2920%3A2%3C202%3AHFASJI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-K) [Essentialism](http://links.jstor.org.ezp1.harvard.edu/sici?sici=0090-5917%28199205%2920%3A2%3C202%3AHFASJI%3E2.0.CO%3B2-K)," *Political Theory*,1992, **20**:202-246.

S. Charusheela, "[Social analysis and the capabilities approach: a limit to Martha](http://cje.oxfordjournals.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi/reprint/33/6/1135) [Nussbaum's universalist ethics*,*](http://cje.oxfordjournals.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi/reprint/33/6/1135)" *Cambridge Journal of Economics,* 2009, **33:**1135-1152

D. Gollaher, *Circumcision*, ch 8, pp 187-207.

M. Gerson, "The Crime of Circumcision," *The Washington Post*, July 6, 2012.

M. Saifee, “I’m a Survivor of Female Genital Cutting…,” *Guardian,* February 8, 2016.

L. Waterlow, “They Told Me I Wouldn’t Feel Any Pain…,” *Daily Mail Online,* August 7, 2015.

R. Shweder, "Disputing the Myth of the Sexual Dysfunction of Circumcised Women: An interview with Fuambai S. Ahmadu," *Anthropology Today*, 2009,**25(6)**:14-19.

M. Prazak, *Making the Mark: Gender, Identity, and Genital Cutting.* Ch 1, 3, and 4, pp 1-29, 83-140.

\*S. Pedersen, [“National Bodies, Unspeakable Acts: The Sexual Politics of Colonial Policy-Making,”](http://www.jstor.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/stable/2938584) *Journal of Modern History* 1991, **63(4)**:647-680.

C. Dugger, "Senegal Curbs a Bloody Rite for Girls and Women," *New York Times,* October 15, 2015

\*G.Mackie and J. LeJeune, "Social Dynamics of Abandonment of Harmful Practices: A New Look at the Theory," Innocenti Working Paper No. 2009-06, Florence, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

B. Shell-Duncan, K. Wander *et al*, “Dynamics of Change in The Practice of Female Genital Cutting in Senegambia: Testing Predictions of Social Convention Theory,” *Social Science & Medicine*, 73:1275-1283

A. Sen, *Identity and Violence,* ch 6, pp 114-119.

N. Chandhoke, "Quest for Justice: The Gandhian Perspective," *Economic and Political Weekly,* May 3, 2008, pp 37-46.