**Western Marxism**

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**Textbooks:**

*1, Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

*2, Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

**Recommended Readings:**

1, *History and Class Consciousness*, Georg Lukacs, the MIT Press, 1971

2, *Tailism and the Dialectic*, Georg Lukacs, Verso, 2000, p151-182.

3, *Reification: A New Look at an Old Idea*, Axel Honneth, Oxford University Press, 2007

4, *Dialectic of Enlightenment*, Max Horkheimer and Theodor Adornor, Stanford University Press, 2002

5, *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*, Jurgen Habermas, The MIT Press, 1995, p106-131.

6, *The Critique of Power: Reflective Stages in a Critical Social Theory*, Axel Honneth, the MIT Press, 1991

**Course Objectives:**

This course is designed to lead the students into the area of “western Marxism”. It firstly aims to help the students to have a general understanding of the development of the different currents of western Marxism, that is, to understand the context of the origin of western Marxism, the problem-consciousness of the different currents and their different ways to investigate the problems. On the basis of and in addition to this, it will also help the students to read some selected first-hand western Marxist texts, such as chapters from *History and Class Consciousness* and *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. Through the careful reading of the texts, the students would be encouraged to think more about the western Marxists’ critique of modernity, their reinterpretation of the relationship between German idealism and Marx’s philosophy and their arguments about the vital relevance of Marx’s philosophy to the contemporary world.

**Course Schedule**

**Week 1 2/27**

**General Introduction to the Tradition of “Western Marxism”**

**Week 2 3/6 （卢卡奇和西方马克思主义的起源）**

**Georg Lukacs and the Origin of “western Marxism”**

Reading assignments:

1, p989-1033, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p 171-181, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007

Recommended Reading:

1, *History and Class Consciousness* , Georg Lukacs, the MIT Press, 1971

2, *Tailism and the Dialectic*, Georg Lukacs, Verso, 2000, p151-182.

3, *Reification: A New Look at an Old Idea*, Axel Honneth, Oxford University Press, 2007

**Week 3 3/13**

**Georg Lukacs and the Theory of Reification（卢卡奇与物化理论）**

Reading assignments:

1, p989-1033, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p 171-181, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

3, P83-223, *History and Class Consciousness* , Georg Lukacs, the MIT Press, 1971

Recommended Reading:

1, *Tailism and the Dialectic*, Georg Lukacs, Verso, 2000, p151-182.

2, *Reification: A New Look at an Old Idea*, Axel Honneth, Oxford University Press, 2007

**Week 4 3/20**

**Georg Lukacs and the Dialectic of Totality（卢卡奇与总体性的辩证法）**

Reading assignments:

1, P83-223, *History and Class Consciousness* , Georg Lukacs, the MIT Press, 1971

Recommended Reading:

1, *Tailism and the Dialectic*, Georg Lukacs, Verso, 2000, p151-182.

2, *Reification: A New Look at an Old Idea*, Axel Honneth, Oxford University Press, 2007

**Week 5 3/27**

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Recommended Reading:

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2, *Reification: A New Look at an Old Idea*, Axel Honneth, Oxford University Press, 2007

**Week 6 4/3**

**Karl Korsch and “the End of Philosophy” （柯尔施与“哲学的终结”）**

Reading assignments:

1, p1033-1046, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p 181-190, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

Recommended readings:

1, *Marxism and Philosophy*, Karl Korsch,(London, 1970)

**Week 7 4/10**

**Antonio Gramsci and “ the Philosophy of Praxis” （葛兰西与“实践哲学”）**

Reading assignments:

1, p963-989, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p175-199, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1981

Recommended Readings:

1, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks of Antonio Gramsci,* edited and translated by Quintin Hoare and Deoffray Nowell Smith, INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHES: New York, 1971,

**Week 8 4/17**

**Antonio Gramsci and “ the Philosophy of Praxis” （葛兰西与“实践哲学”）**

Reading assignments:

1, p963-989, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p175-199, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1981

Recommended Readings:

1, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks of Antonio Gramsci,* edited and translated by Quintin Hoare and Deoffray Nowell Smith, INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHES: New York, 1971,

**Week 9 4/24 (Mid-term paper due)**

**The Frankfurt School and “Critical Theory” （法兰克福学派与批判理论）**

Reading assignments:

1, p1060-1104, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p297-325, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

3, p3-85, *The Dialectical Imagination : a history of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research, 1923-1950 ,* Martin Jay, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996

**Week 10 5/1 (no classes)**

**Week 11 5/8**

**Max Horkheimer, Theodor Adornor and the Criticism of Enlightenment Thinking （霍克海默、阿多诺与对启蒙理性的批判）**

Reading assignments:

1, p1060-1104, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p297-325, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

3, p1-94, *Dialectic of Enlightenment,* Max Horkheimer and Theodor Adornor, Stanford University Press, 2002

Recommended Readings:

1, *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*, Jurgen Habermas, The MIT Press, 1995, p106-131.

2, *The Critique of Power: Reflective Stages in a Critical Social Theory*, Axel Honneth, the MIT Press, 1991

3, p173-219, *The Dialectical Imagination : a history of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research, 1923-1950 ,* Martin Jay, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996

**Week 12 5/15**

**Max Horkheimer, Theodor Adornor and the Critique of Culture Industry （霍克海默、阿多诺与对文化工业的批判）**

Reading assignments:

1, p1060-1104, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p297-325, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

3, p94-136, *Dialectic of Enlightenment,* Max Horkheimer and Theodor Adornor, Stanford University Press, 2002

Recommended Readings:

1, *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*, Jurgen Habermas, The MIT Press, 1995, p106-131.

2, *The Critique of Power: Reflective Stages in a Critical Social Theory*, Axel Honneth, the MIT Press, 1991

3, p173-219, *The Dialectical Imagination : a history of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research, 1923-1950 ,* Martin Jay, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996

**Week 13 5/22**

**Max Horkheimer, Theodor Adornor and the Critique of Culture Industry （霍克海默、阿多诺与对文化工业的批判）**

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3, p173-219, *The Dialectical Imagination : a history of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research, 1923-1950 ,* Martin Jay, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996

**Week 14 5/29**

**Jurgen Habermas and the Theory of Communicative Action（哈贝马斯与交往行动理论）**

Reading assignments:

1, p1060-1104, *Main Currents of Marxism*, Leszek Kolakowski, W.W. Norton & Company, 2008;

2, p315-324, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

Recommended Readings:

*The Theory of Communicative Action*, Jurgen Habermas, (Boston, 1984, 1987)

**Week 15 6/5**

**Structuralist Marxism and Louis Althusser**

**（结构主义的马克思主义与阿尔都塞）**

Reading assignments:

1, P348-358, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

Recommended Readings:

1, *For Marx*, Louis Althusser, (Verso, 2005)

**Week 16 6/12**

**Structuralist Marxism and Louis Althusser**

**（结构主义的马克思主义与阿尔都塞）**

Reading assignments:

1, P348-358, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

Recommended Readings:

1, *For Marx*, Louis Althusser, (Verso, 2005)

**Week 17 6/19**

**G.A. Cohen and the Analytical Marxism （柯亨与分析主义的马克思主义）**

Reading assignments:

1, P386-389, *Marxism After Marx*, David Mclellan, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007;

Recommended Readings:

*1, Self-Ownership, Freedom and Equality*, G.A.Cohen, Cambridge University Press, 1995

**Week 18 6/26 Final Exam**

**Course Requirements:**

Regular attendance is required. The registered students must keep up with the reading assignments and take part in the classroom discussions. Besides an eight-page mid-term paper (double spaced), there would also be a open-book final exam.

**Grading:**

Attendance: 10%

Contribution to Class Discussion 10%

Completion of Assignments 10%

Midterm Exam 30%

Final Exam 40%