

Political Science 565
Power and Resistance
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What is social power? How does power shape human freedom? How might social theorists and social scientists conceptualize, study, and inform efforts to change power relations? In this seminar, we address these and related questions by analyzing both theoretical treatments of the concept of power and empirical studies of power relations

Course Requirements*

This course has three requirements.

1. You must complete the readings in a timely fashion and participate actively in class discussions. Class participation (not just quantity, but also quality) counts for 10 percent of your grade.
2. Each week, except the final week of the course, you will complete a short (1-2 pp.) response to the assigned texts, due at the start of class Wednesday. Most weeks, the response will be a critical/analytic response to some aspect of the arguments presented in the readings. Some weeks, however, you will write a personal reflection on how the concepts and/or categories employed in the readings affect you in your daily life. Once or twice during the course of the quarter, your response will require you to perform a field exercise before writing, for example, a short period of participant-observation at a site in the city of Columbus (during the third part of the seminar, "Power and the Built Environment: The Case of the City"). I will give guidelines and answer any questions in class the Wednesday before the response is due. Responses will be graded on a scale of 1 to 5. Together, these count for 45 percent of your grade.
3. You will write two take-home essays during the last week of class. Essay questions will be distributed Wednesday, November 21. Your responses are due in my mailbox, 2140 Derby Hall, by 9 a.m. Friday, November 30. Late essays lose 1/3 grade per day, including weekends (e.g. a "B+" exam turned in Monday, Dec. 3 receives a "C+", turned in Tuesday, Dec. 4, at C, etc.). These count for 45 percent of your grade.

* All of the work that you do in this course is expected to be your own. Plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without citing them) and other forms of cheating will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

Course Materials**

1. A reading packet is on sale at Cop-EZ, and on 2-hour reserve at the Main Library.
2. The following books are on sale at the Ohio State Book store, SBX, and Long's, and on 24-hour reserve at the Main Library:

Pierre Bourdieu, *Distinction: A Social Critique of the Judgment of Taste* (Harvard University Press, 1984)

Clarissa Hayward, *De-facing Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2000)

Susan Okin, *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?* (Princeton University Press, 1999)

Richard Sennett, *The Conscience of the Eye: Design and Social Life of Cities* (Knopf, 1990)

Frances Piven and Richard Cloward, *Poor People's Movements* (Pantheon, 1977)

Staggenborg, *The Pro-Choice Movement: Organization and Activism in the Abortion Conflict* (Oxford University Press, 1991)

** Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor and seeking available assistance in the first week of the quarter. Course materials are available in alternative formats upon request. For such materials please contact Mr. Wayne DeYoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall, 292-2880.

Course Syllabus and Schedule of Class Meetings

[B] = Book, on sale at the Ohio State University Bookstore, SBX, and Long's, and on twenty-four hour reserve at the Main Library.

[F] = Film, to be viewed in class

[R] = Article or book excerpt, in course reader.

Wednesday, September 19:

Introduction and overview of course (no readings).

1. Foundations: the study of power in social theory and social science

Monday, September 24

Steven Lukes, "Power: A Radical View" [R]

Wednesday, September 26

John Gaventa, *Power and Powerlessness*, pp. 1-44, 125-201 [R]

Monday, October 1

Michel Foucault, "Panopticism" [R]

Michel Foucault, "The Subject and Power" [R]

Nancy Fraser, "Foucault on Modern Power: Empirical Insights and Normative Confusions" [R]

Wednesday, October 3

Pierre Bourdieu, *Distinction*, Part I [B]

Monday, October 8

Clarissa Hayward, *De-facing Power*, pp. 11-110 [B]

Menace II Society [F]

Wednesday, October 10

Clarissa Hayward, *De-facing Power*, pp. 111-78 [B]

Menace II Society [F]

2. Power and the Self: Identity and Social Location

Monday, October 15

Barbara Jeanne Fields, "Slavery, Race, and Ideology in the United States of America" [R]

Walter Benn Michaels, "Race into Culture: A Critical Genealogy of Cultural Identity" [R]

Wednesday, October 17

Margaret Somers, "The Narrative Constitution of Identity: A Relational and Network Approach" [R]

Rogers Brubaker and Frederick Cooper, "Beyond 'Identity.'" [R]

Monday, October 22

Susan Okin, *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?*, Introduction, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?" and Responses by Pollitt, Kymlicka, Honig, Al-Hibri, Tamir, Gilman, and An-Na'im (pp. 3-64) [B]

A Life Apart: Hasidism in America [F]

Wednesday, October 24

Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?, remaining responses, and Okin's reply (pp. 65-131) [B]

A Life Apart: Hasidism in America [F]

3. Power and the Built Environment: The Case of the City

Monday, October 29

Kenneth Jackson, *Crabgrass Frontier*, chs. 8-13 [R]

Wednesday, October 31

Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton, *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*, chs. 1-3 [R]

Monday, November 5

Richard Sennett, *The Conscience of the Eye: The Design and Social Life of Cities*, pp. 5-117 [B]

Wednesday, November 7

Sennett, *The Conscience of the Eye*, pp.121-252 [B]

Monday, November 12

NO CLASS: OSU CLOSED FOR VETERANS' DAY

4. Fighting Power: What Counts as Resistance?

Wednesday, November 14

Henry David Thoreau, "Resistance to Civil Government" [R]

Monday, November 19

Frances Fox Piven and Richard A. Cloward, *Poor People's Movements: Why They Succeed, How They Fail*, pp. 264-361 [B]

Wednesday, November 21

TAKE-HOME ESSAY EXAM; NO CLASS MEETING.

The final essay exam is available starting at 9 a.m. outside my office, 2126 Derby Hall. This is an open book exam; refer to your notes and course texts as necessary. You may use today's class time to complete the exam, or you may work on it some other time over the course of the upcoming week. Exams are due in my mailbox, 2140 Derby Hall at 9 a.m. Friday, November 30. Late exams lose 1/3 grade per day, including weekends.

Monday, November 26

Suzanne Staggenborg, *The Pro-Choice Movement: Organization and Activism in the Abortion Conflict*, pp. 3-77 [B]

Wednesday, November 28

Staggenborg, *The Pro-Choice Movement*, pp. 81-155 [B]

FINAL ESSAYS DUE BY 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

IN MY MAILBOX, 2140 DERBY HALL