

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY 2015
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
CANADIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT 4215FA AND FAO
TUESDAY and THURSDAY - 11:30AM – 1:00PM
OA2020

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This seminar course is designed for those students who are fulfilling the requirements of the Honours degree program in Political Science. We will focus on the development of Canadian political thought through the work of a variety of Canadian thinkers and political activists who have asked and answered questions about Canadian identity, human rights, the Quebec question, indigenous politics, constitutionalism, the environment, international relations, federalism, justice, and more. There are recurring themes in Canadian Political Thought around the questions of ideological focus, American and multinational trade, immigration and settlement, and more. We will focus our reading on the two class texts and each student will be responsible for locating and sharing other readings that amplify or reinforce the assigned readings.

Required texts:

Fierlbeck, Katherine. Ed. (2011). *The Development of Political Thought in Canada*
Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Resnick, Philip.(2009). *The European Roots of Canadian Identity*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Texts are available at the Lakehead Bookstore

Grading:

Seminar Presentation.....20% Scheduled starting 2nd week
Chapter Summary and Analysis X 2.....30% Day of presentation and last day of class.
Book Review30% Due on October 22nd
Final Assignment.....20% Due on the last day of class

SEMINAR PRESENTATION - Each student is required to lead the class in a 30 minute discussion on the topic of one of their Chapter Summaries. This grade will be assigned by the Instructor. Details will be handed out in the 2nd week of class.

CHAPTER SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS – Each student will prepare 2 X 5 page summary and analysis of the chapters in the course text. They will also locate and share at least one other scholarly article or book chapter that complements the Chapter.

BOOK REVIEW – Each student will prepare a 7-8 page review of *The European Roots of Canadian Identity* by Philip Resnik. Details will be handed out in the 2nd week of class.

FINAL ASSIGNMENT – This will be a take-home assignment based on the readings that are assigned for this course.

READING AND CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1 - September 15-17

Tuesday: Introduction and Administration

Thursday: Class discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapter 1

Week 2 - September 22-24

Tuesday: Lecture on Bourassa and McLung

Thursday: Class discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 2, 3

Week 3 - September 29th –October 1st

Tuesday: Lecture on Woodsworth and Innis

Thursday: Class Cancelled

Reading: DPT – Chapters 4, 5

Week 4 - October 6th - 8th Student Presentations Begin

Tuesday: Lecture on Macpherson and Pearson

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 6, 7

Week 5 – October 13th- 15th

Tuesday: Lecture on Douglas and Levitt

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 8, 9

Week 6 – October 20th – 22nd

Tuesday – Thursday - Class discussion of Resnick.

Week 7 – October 27th – 29th

Tuesday: Lecture on Trudeau and Grant

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 10, 11

Week 8 – November 3rd - 5th

Tuesday: Lecture on Grant and Horowitz

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 12, 13

Week 9 – November 10th – 12th

Tuesday: Lecture on Levesque and Taylor

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT – Chapters 14, 15

Week 10 – November 17th – 19th

Tuesday: Lecture on Tully and Kymlicka

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT Chapters 16,17

Week 11 – November 24th – 26th

Tuesday: Lecture on Ignatieff and Borrows (article distributed)

Thursday: Student Presentations and Discussion

Reading: DPT Chapter 18 and Distributed Reading

Week 12: December 1st – 3rd

Tuesday: Distribution and discussion of final assignment

Thursday: Class Review and Assignment due