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PSC 355.01: Politics and Culture

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Required Texts. Stanley Aronowitz, Roll Over Beethoven.
Michael Parenti, Land of Idols: Political Mythology in America
Jean Bethke Elshtain, Power Trips and Other Journeys
Vaclav Havel, Summer Meditations
Steven Seidman, ed., Jurgen Habermas on Society and Politics.

Assigned Readings: (Note: Students will be expected to read the assigned materials before the class sessions and be prepared to question, respond to, or comment on the readings in class.)

Week of August 29.......Aronowitz, Preface and Introduction.
Week of September 5......Aronowitz, Chapters 1 & 2.
Week of September 12.....Aronowitz, Chapter 6 & 7.
Week of September 19.....Aronowitz, Chapter 8.
Week of October 3........Havel, pp. 60-102.
Week of October 10.......Havel, pp. 102-132, Review for Examination.
Week of October 17......Mid-Term Examination. Elshtain, Introduction & Chapter 4.
Week of October 24......Elshtain, Chapters 9 & 10.
Parenti, Chapter 11.
Week of October 31......Parenti, Preface and Chapters 1-3.
Week of November 7......Tutorials on first draft of term paper.
Week of November 14......Parenti, Chapters 4, 7, & 8.
Week of November 21......Parenti, Chapters 9 & 10.
Week of November 28.....Habermas, Chapters 10 & 11.
Week of December 5......Habermas, Chapter 12 & 13.
Week of December 12......Review and Final Examination (Friday, Dec. 16, 3:20-5:20).
Term papers: This is an upper division writing course. Accordingly, students will be required to write a fifty minute essay on one of three possible generic topics during the class session of August 30. The sole purpose of this assignment is to assess the writing skills of students in this course. PERFORMANCE ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL NOT EFFECT THE COURSE GRADE ALTHOUGH THE ASSIGNMENT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO CONTINUE IN THE COURSE.

All students will be required to submit a draft of their term papers no later than Monday, October 31. These drafts will be edited for style as well as content and serve as the basis for the tutorial sessions to be held during the week of November 7.