

History 427 (a): Ideas and Society in Modern Europe  
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Tuesdays/Thursdays 10-11:20

YOU CAN TAKE THIS COURSE if you've taken my other version of HIST 427, Modern German Intellectual History. It's a "topics" course with completely different content.

I'LL BE TEACHING IN PERSON spring term.

This is a course about some major ideas in modern European history in their social and historical context. That means that we'll read the arguments about these issues carefully, but we'll also place them in the historical worlds that they arose in and that the authors were addressing.

**Unit 1: The Market Economy and Commercial Society: Adam Smith (Oct. 2, 7, 9)**

**Unit 2: Regenerating the Community and the Self: Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

**Unit 3: A Theory of Liberty and of the Subjection of Women: John Stuart Mill**

**Unit 4: Socialism, "Utopian" and "Scientific": Karl Marx**

**Unit 5: A Radical Critique of Christianity and Morality: Nietzsche**

**Unit 6: Rationalization, Its Causes and Consequences: Max Weber**

**Unit 7: Feminism: Simone de Beauvoir**

**Unit 8: Power and Resistance: Michel Foucault**

**Unit 9: Why Multiculturalism? Charles Taylor, Jürgen Habermas, Anthony Appiah**