What you have as heritage, take now as task; for thus you will make it your own.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Faust

The Geography of the Other

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

NB: All readings marked with one asterisk (*) are available via Electronic Reserve from the Hesburgh Library (accessible via Library Website) and those marked by a double asterisk (**) will be distributed as handouts. Lastly, those marked with a diamond (♦) are available online via a dedicated search by title. The symbol notation ∆∆∆∆ signifies a writing assignment or class presentation.

Part One: Landscape of Inheritance: Civilization, Culture, Worldview


Week One (Jan. 13-15) Civilization Redux: Conjunctures, Crises & Perception

TU: Discussion of Huntington and Debeljak: Does this kind of “civilization” make sense? What are the roots of conflict? Is global conflict inevitable? Is civilization cultural, ethnic, geographic?

[Jan. 13 class discussion led by Marisa and Brendan]


[Jan. 15 class discussion led by Kirk and Nora]
Week Two (Jan. 20-22) Taking Stock of the Inheritance: Savagery and "Progress"


[Jan. 20 class discussion led by Lauren and Tristan]

TH: Noel Perrin, Giving Up the Gun: Japan’s Reversion to the Sword, ix-xii, 3-71.

1st Installment, “Scenes from…”
⇒Film: Kagemusha, Akira Kurosawa, dir. 1980

ΔΔΔΔ Interpretative Commentary on The Last Wave (blogsite) Due: Fri. Jan. 25

CINEMA FIELD TRIP
“Blackhat,” Michael Mann, director
24-25 January 2013

Week Three (Jan. 27-29) Civilization, "Progress" and Vision

As we go through the world and we observe life, the western civilization of looking at life as resources, and as long as they use that term for life as resources you’re never going to gain anything. When you recognize life for what it is: a tree as a spirit, a tree as a living being, a tree as a grandfather that we call; when you recognize that there is a reason for all of these beings and that these beings are interlocked, that we depend on one another; if we can change the definitions, if we can have people speak about life for what it is -- as life with equal value, as life is necessary for survival and not as commerce and not as resources then we may have a chance. But as long as we look at forests as resources, as long as we look at these things as board-feet of lumber or we look at the fish runs as resources for people, we’re going to continue to use them without restraint and without guidance. --Oren Lyons, *Agenda for the Earth,* Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 6/9/92

TU: Perrin, Giving Up the Gun, 71-112.
[Jan. 27 class discussion led by Murph and Sarah C.]

TH: Mazlish, Civilization and Its Contents, 49-108.


[Jan. 29 class discussion led by and Shane and Emily]

ΔΔΔΔ First EFT web presentations: Lasch, Mazlish, key concepts Feb. 1

Part Two: Dialectic of Identity and Struggle

Week Four (Feb. 3-5) Metaphor and Psychic Method of “Civilization”

TU: Sigmund Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents, ix-xxii (SKIM); xxiii, 3-36 (READ).

[Feb. 3 entire class discussion]

2nd Installment, “Scenes from...”
⇒Film: Sigmund Freud: Analysis of a Mind, 2004


[Feb. 5 class discussion led by Laura and Andrew]

⇒Blogging Rites: ΔΔΔΔ Explain the differing concepts of civilization held by Freud and Mazlish. Due: Feb. 9

Week Five (Feb. 10-12) The Urge for Transformation: Recognition

TU: Freud, Civilization and Its Discontents, 75-96.

[Feb. 10 class discussion led by Mara and Matt F.]


[Feb. 12 class discussion led by Matt. L and Sarah H.]

⇒♦Webwork: explore varied readings of Hegel’s master/slave dialectic metaphor of self-consciousness, before Thurs., Feb. 12
******End of Week 5: Assignment of Final Project Topics******

Week Six (Feb. 17-19)  Alienation & the Philosophical Anthropology of Development

**ΔΔΔΔ Second EFT web presentations: Freud, Feb. 22**

TU/TH: *Karl Marx, Selections from: 1844 Manuscripts, Theses on Feuerbach, and German Ideology*

[Feb. 19 class discussion led by Kevin and Johnny]

Week Seven (Feb. 24-26)  The Other Objectified: Political Implications

TU: *Marx, Selections from: 1844 Manuscripts, Theses on Feuerbach, and German Ideology*


[Feb. 24 class discussion led by Mara and Dr. J.]

**ΔΔΔΔ Third EFT web presentations: Marx, Feb. 28**

Part Three: Desire, Imagination and Invention

Week Eight (Mar.5-7)  Perception and Understanding and Interpretation


**[Mar. 5 class discussion led by Shane and Brendan]**


**[Mar. 7 entire class discussion]**

⇒ Reflective Essay (1800 words) Due: Fri., Mar. 6

**ANNUAL "FIGHTING IRISH" CELEBRATION OF THE VERNAL EQUINOX: MARCH 7-15**

EQUISITE EQUINOX ENTERTAINMENT!!!

$$$FINISH Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?, 184-244.$$$

⇒ View the Film: *Blade Runner*, Ridley Scott, dir., 1982

**Week Nine (Mar. 17-19) The Self and Other Reconceived in Nationhood**


**[Mar. 17 class discussion led by Dr. J.]**


**[Mar. 19 class discussion led by Lauren and Kirk]**

⇒ Film: “Breaker Morant,” Bruce Beresford, dir., 1980, TBD

**Week Ten (Mar. 24-26) Restlessness and Riot of Pluralism**


**[Mar. 26 class discussion led by Murph and Tristan]**

3rd Installment, “Scenes from...”
⇒ Film: *Blood and Belonging*, 1993
Blogging Rites: Interprettative Commentary on "Breaker Morant" in light of Imagined Communities
Due: Mar. 29

Part Four: Nations, Violence, and Self-Assertion

Week Eleven (Mar. 31-Apr. 2) Nationalism and Its Global Discontents


[Mar. 31 class discussion led by Laura and Johnny]


[Apr. 2 class discussion led by Nora and Kirk]

⇒ Webwork: examine the provided links exploring the relationship between nationalism or nativism and terrorism

Week Twelve (Apr. 7-9) Revolutionary Ideologies and "Blowback"

TU: Talal Asad, On Suicide Bombing, 1-5, 7-64.

[Apr. 7 class discussion led by Sarah C. and Matt F.]

TH: Asad, On Suicide Bombing, 65-96.


[Apr. 9 class discussion led by Marisa and Andrew]


⇒ Film: "Syriana," Stephen Gaghan, dir., 2005, TBA
Week Thirteen (Apr. 14-16) Globalization and Resistance


[Apr. 14 class discussion led by Emily and Kevin]


TH: *Baudet, Paradise on Earth, 74-75.

[Apr. 16 entire class discussion]

⇒ Webwork: Investigate incendiary effects of secularism and nationalism

International Terrorism and Security Research: http://www.terrorism-research.com/

Part Five: Charting the Postmodern Encounter: the “Other” of Terror

Week Fourteen (Apr. 21-23) Terror: The Final Frontier

EFT final project presentations
Week Fifteen (Apr. 28)  Terror Ongoing: The Eternal OTHER

EFT final project presentations

FINAL PROJECT RESEARCH PAPERS DUE: 8 MAY 2015

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