EXAM GUIDELINES

1. In consultation with the Chair of the examination committee, students must begin by selecting THREE topic areas in which they will be examined.
2. Students are responsible for all the reading materials listed under each of these three sections.
3. Students will have to answer two questions on the exam. The exam will be divided into two parts. Part A will pose three questions, drawn from the chosen areas. Part B will pose at least one question, drawn from a relevant graduate seminar that the student has taken. The student may choose two questions from Part A, OR one from Part A and one from Part B.
4. Each of the readings discusses a number of distinct philosophical themes. Students should be prepared to answer questions related to all of these central themes.
5. Where an excerpt is not specified, students should read the entire book.
6. The exam is closed book. Students may use a dictionary or translation dictionary. Please write legibly.

READING LIST
(Choose three of the following topics)

1. Social Contract Theory and Critiques
   Rousseau, Social Contract I, II, IV
   Locke, Second Treatise II-IV, VIII, XVI-XIX
   Hobbes, Leviathan X-XXI

2. Liberalism and Critiques
   Locke, Letter Concerning Toleration
   Mill, On Liberty I-IV
   Mary Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (1792)
   John Rawls, Theory of Justice (Harvard University Press, 2005), Part I
   Nozick, Anarchy, State, Utopia (Basic Books, 1977) Chapters 3 & 7
   Kymlicka, Multiculturalism and Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights (Oxford University Press, 1996)
   Habermas, The Inclusion of the Other (MIT Press, 2000), II & V

3. Marx and Marxism
   Karl Marx, Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts (1844)
4. Theories of Power
Macchiavelli, The Prince
Foucault, The Birth of Biopolitics: Lectures at the College de France 1978-1979
Arendt, On Violence (Mariner Books, 1970)

5. Identity and Oppression

6. Justice
Plato, Republic I, II, III, V, & VIII
Nozick, “The Entitlement Theory of Justice” (in Anarchy, State, and Utopia, Chapter 7)

### 7. State Legitimacy and Freedom
Immanuel Kant, *An Answer to the Question, What is Enlightenment?* (1784)
http://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/ethics/kant/enlightenment.htm
Simmons, “Philosophical Anarchism.” In *Justification and Legitimacy: Essays on Rights and Obligations* (Cambridge University Press, 2001)

### 8. Violence and Institutions
Thoreau, “A Plea for Captain John Brown”
http://www.transcendentalists.com/thoreau_plea_john_brown.htm
Martin Luther King, Jr. “Letter from Birmingham Jail” (Birmingham, April 16, 1963)