

Integrated Honors Course 132-03: BPQ, 9:25-10:40 TR Spring 2019 Prof. Fred Evans (Philosophy)

Philosophy and Global Unity in a World of Diversity

The course will revolve around three major thinkers in the history of Western philosophy: Plato, Marx, and Nietzsche, but with lectures to fill in some of the historical gaps between ancient and modern philosophy. We will also read an important recent book on “cosmopolitanism,” that is, global amity. We will ask: which of the three philosophers provides the most promising basis or political ethics for unifying the diverse peoples and other inhabitants (animals, natural formations) of the globe? There are, of course, many twists and turns in the way I’ve formulated the question; and part of our task will be to sort them out.

Evaluation of student work will be based on your papers and/or in-class exams, one-page responses to selected “guide questions” intended to help you master the readings, a term paper linking our three philosophers and cosmopolitanism, participation in class discussions, and attendance. The books required for the course are listed below.



ENSAMBLAJES Oswaldo Viteri (Ecuador)

Appiah, Kwame Anthony, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in A World of Strangers*. New York: W. W. Norton and Company. 2006. ISBN: 978-0-393-32933-9.

Marx, Karl, *Selected Writings*, ed. Lawrence H. Simon. Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Company, Inc. 1994. ISBN 0-87220-218-6.

Nietzsche, Friedrich. *On the Genealogy of Morals*, trans. Walter Kaufmann. New York, NY: Random House. 1967. ISBN 0-679-72462-1.

Plato. *Republic*, trans. C.D.C. Reeve. Indianapolis, IN: Hackett. 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0-87220-736-3.

Plato. *Five Dialogues*, 2nd edition, trans. G. M. A. Grube. Indianapolis, IN: Hackett. 2002. ISBN-13: 978-0-87220-633-5.