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Literature and Cultural Theory
Preliminary Exam Texts

Fields of Cultural Theory
Political Theory/Philosophy

Books

- Agamben, *Homo Sacer*
- Arendt, *Human Condition* OR *Origins of Totalitarianism*
- Badiou, *Metapolitics*
- Bakunin, *God and the State*
- Balibar, *We, the People of Europe*
- Bennett, *Vibrant Matter*
- Brown, *States of Injury*
- Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*
- Butler, *Precarious Life*
- Cheah and Robbins, ed., *Cosmopolitics*
- Derrida, *Rogues*
- Fanon, *Wretched of the Earth*
- Foucault, *Society Must Be Defended*
- Fraser, *The Radical Imagination* (selections)
- Goldman, *Anarchism and Other Essays* (selections)
- Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks*
- Grosz, *The Nick of Time*
- Habermas, *Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere*
- Hardt and Negri, *Empire* (selections)
- Hegel, *Philosophy of Right*
- Hobbes, *Leviathan*
- James, *Black Jacobins*
- Kant, *Political Writings* ("Perpetual Peace," "Universal History," "What is Enlightenment")

- Locke, *The Second Treatise of Government*
- Mariategui, *Seven Interpretive Essays* (selections)
- Marx, *Eighteenth Brumaire*
- Machiavelli, *Discourses on Livy* OR *The Prince*
- Mill, *On Liberty*
- Negri, *Insurgencies*
- Poulantzas, *State, Power, Socialism* (selections)
- Ranciere, *Hatred of Democracy*
- Rousseau, *Social Contract*
- Schmitt, *Concept of the Political* OR *Political Theology* OR *Nomos of the Earth*
- Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (selections)
- Spinoza, *Theological-Political Treatise* and *Political Treatise*
- Tiqqun, *Introduction to Civil War*
- Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (selections)
- Vincent, *Theories of the State*
- Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*

Essays [four essays = one book]

- Benjamin, "Critique of Violence"
- Brown, "Sovereign Hesitations"
- Buck-Morss, "Hegel and Haiti"
- Derrida, "Force of Law"
- Foucault, "Governmentality"
- ---. "Omnes et Singulatim"
- Lenin, "The State and Revolution"
- Mbembe, "Necropolitics"
- Weber, "Politics as Vocation"
- Zizek, "The King is a Thing"