German 1542: Marx and Marxism  Spring Term 2023-4 MW 2:00-2:50pm CL G8 and one recitation session.

No prior knowledge necessary! Introductory course satisfying DSAS General Education Requirement: Philosophical Thinking / Ethics.

Karl Marx (1818–1883) trained as a philosopher was deeply concerned with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all. Using examples from the long history of Marxist social philosophy, this course allows you to explore:

• Marx’s critical analysis of the human condition under capitalism in hopes for a society without oppression and exploitation.

• Adaptations of and critical engagement with Marx’s thought in the 20th Century and 21st Century.

Readings drawn from Marx’s Economic Philosophical Manuscripts of 1848, the Communist Manifesto, Grundrisse, Capital and may include works by Rosa Luxemburg, Lenin, the Frankfurt School, the Italian Autonomist Marxists, Angela Davis, Cornel West, Frederic Jameson and others. All Reading & Language of Instruction= ENGLISH!

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