INSTRUCTOR | DATES AND TIMES | LOCATION |
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Amy Thomas Elder | COURSE LENGTH: 10 Weeks Dates: Sep. 29 – Dec. 8 (no class Nov. 24) | Remote Course |
EMAIL: amythomas@uchicago.edu | DAY OF THE WEEK: Tuesday Times: 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. | COURSE CODE and SECTION: BASC62111 - 20A2 |
Instructor can be contacted through Canvas message | | PREREQUISITES: At least 2 years of the Basic Program |

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The modern tradition is characterized by relentless and sometimes blind insistence upon individualism and the value of individual experience. It begins with what Kenneth Clark describes as “the discovery of the individual”—around the early fifteenth century—as both a social and political fact and a new, historically unprecedented reality, and proceeds through all of the contemporary pathologies of narcissism and therapeutics.

But what kind of “discovery” is this? What does it mean to be—or to become—“individual?” How is the fact of individualism linked to the emergence of modernity? In this first quarter, we explore the meaning, conditions, tensions and complexities of individualism in the modern period, looking at major philosophers and social theorists Rousseau, Hegel, and Heidegger, along with Tolstoy’s landmark novella, The Death of Ivan Ilych.

REQUIRED TEXTS


Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.
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| WEEK 1    | Rousseau | *Of the Social Contract*, Book I  
(pp. 41-56)                        |
| Sep. 29   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 2    | Rousseau | *Of the Social Contract*, Book II  
(pp. 57-81)                        |
| Oct. 6    |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 3    | Rousseau | *Of the Social Contract*, Book III (pp. 82-120, skim Ch. 5-15 [p.92-115]) and Book IV  
(pp. 116-152, skim Ch. 3-5 [p.126-138]) |
| Oct. 13   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 4    | Hegel | *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, Chapters 1-3  
(pp. 3-56)                      |
| Oct. 20   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 5    | Hegel | *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, Chapters 4-6  
(pp. 57-98)                      |
| Oct. 27   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 6    | Tolstoy | *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, Chapters I-VII  
(pp. 1-38)                        |
| Nov. 3    |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 7    | Tolstoy | *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, Chapters VIII-XII  
(pp. 38-53)                      |
| Nov. 10   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 8    | Heidegger | *Being and Time*, Author’s Preface and Introduction  
(xxix, 1-13 [17-35])            |
| Nov. 17   |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 9    | Heidegger | *Being and Time*, “Dasein's Possibility of Being-a-Whole, and Being-Towards-Death”  
(pp. 227-255 [279-311])         |
| Dec. 1    |        |                                                                                 |
| WEEK 10   | Heidegger | *Being and Time*, Author’s Preface and Introduction  
(pp. xxix, 1-13 [17-35])        |
| Dec. 8    |        |                                                                                 |

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