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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
This course will examine six themes and theorists in classical political economy—and put them into contemporary perspective. The course will explore issues such as: the nature and purpose of government, inequality, the relationship between government and the economy, the ways in which individuals interact with government and vice-versa, industrialization, liberalism, and bureaucracy. Each week will consist of a lecture based on original theorists (such as Rousseau or Smith), followed by a discussion that places these theories in conversation with contemporary and current events.

MEETING TIMES:
THURSDAYS, 1-3 PM
MAGNES COLLECTION

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS:

Thursday, 4 April  Nature of the State and Purpose of Government
Thursday, 11 April  Inequality
Thursday, 18 April  Government and the Economy: Self-Regulation and Morality?
Thursday, 25 April  Industrialization
Thursday, 2 May  Liberalism
Thursday, 9 May  Bureaucracy