March 30 and April 1: Introductory Lectures

April 6: Foucault, “Truth and Power”, “Nietzsche, Genealogy, History” and “What is an author?” in THE FOUCALRT READER, ed. Rabinow

April 13: Foucault, DISCIPLINE AND PUNISH, Part I (entire), chapter 3 of Part III (“Panopticm”), chapter 3 of Part IV (“The carceral”)

April 20: Foucault, HISTORY OF SEXUALITY, volume 1 (entire)

April 27: Foucault, pp. 333-390 of THE FOUCALRT READER (various texts and interviews)

May 4: Habermas, THE PHILOSOPHICAL DISCOURSE OF MODERNITY, Lectures I-IV (pp. 1-105)

May 11: Habermas, op. cit., Lectures VI-VII (pp. 131-210)

May 18: Habermas, op. cit., Lectures IX-XI (pp. 238-335)

May 25: First half of final exam given during regular class period; term paper due

May 27: Habermas, “Some Further Clarifications of the Concept of Communicative Rationality” in ON THE PRAGMATICS OF COMMUNICATION

June 1: Habermas, ON THE PRAGMATICS OF COMMUNICATION, pp. 383-433

June 3: Second half of final exam given during regular class period

The requirements for the course consist of the two-part final exam (see above) and a term paper (8 pages for undergrads, 15 for graduate
students—due on May 25) on some topic related to the principal questions discussed in the course (viz., “Which is the more useful advisor in one’s attempt to think about human freedom and social justice, Foucault or Habermas?” and “Is Habermas right that ethics needs a universalistic foundation? Can it find such a foundation in the nature of linguistic communication?”). Suggestions of more specific paper topics will be handed out later. If you have some special interest that you wish to follow up in your paper, come and talk to me about a topic, or initiate an e-mail correspondence.

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