

POU22012 — History of Political Thought B

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU22012</i>
Module Title	<i>History of Political Thought B</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Senior Fresh</i>
Module Personnel	<i>Peter Stone</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026-27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>5 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 2</i>
Contact Hours	<i>2 lectures per week, 1 tutorial every 2 weeks</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	<i>The focus of the module will introduce students to the history of political thought, with a focus upon liberalism and the social contract.</i>
Module Learning Aims	
Learning Outcomes	<i>Upon completion of this module, it is expected that students should have:</i> <i>• Acquired an overview of the history of political thought, from early modern times to the present.</i> <i>• Become familiar with major political theorists from that history, such as Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.</i> <i>• Become familiar with some of the major concepts that appear in political theory, such as liberalism, the social contract and feminism.</i> <i>• Developed skills at analysing and critiquing political arguments.</i> <i>• Reflected upon the implications of ideas from the history of political thought for contemporary politics.</i>
Indicative Reading / Resources	



Assessment	
Assessment Components	<i>3 short papers: 15% each (45% total) Final paper: 55%</i>
Assessment Details	

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	<i>POU11011 & POU11012 or POU11033 & POU11034</i>
Co-requisites	<i>None</i>
Any other information	