

***GLEANING***

*Course Meets: MWF 12:30 to 1:20 in MacKinnon 225*

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Office Hours: Monday afternoon 2-4 and Wednesday mornings 10-11,  
...or by appointment.

**Required Texts:**

1. Marcel Mauss, The Gift (I don't care which edition you buy)
2. Coursepack (Must buy this)

I have put one copy of each on Reserve. The film is also available at the Reserve desk. You can get to most of the readings in the first month of the course by following this link:

<http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainText.aspx>

**Assignments:**

1. **One** In-class quiz (done in class and handed in at end of class) worth **5%**, Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. **One** Essay, worth **30%**, 5-page exegetical paper linking historical background to Gleaning and posing a critical challenge. Due Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> by the beginning of class, or it is late.
3. **Three** Critical Summaries of week's readings: 1 page each, maximum. Handed in at the beginning of each Monday starting on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Six possible chances to do these summaries. Each is worth 5%, total is **15%**.
4. **One** Final Essay based on possible topics developed by instructor and handed out Monday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to Houle in office Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. Value is **50%**

**Class Schedule** (subject to adjustments and revisions, so if you miss a class or two, check in with peers to find out exactly where we are!)

Date	...Text (Read before coming to Class)	Key Idea, Concept or Focus
Friday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>		Introduction/ Syllabus
Monday, Sept. 13	<b>FILM:</b> Agnes Varda’s <i>The Gleaners (Part 1)</i> (original French title: Les Glaneurs et les Glaneuses)	
Wednesday, Sept. 15	.. <i>The Gleaners</i> (Part 2) + Class Discussion	Generation of Key Concepts and Themes ( <b>in-class writing assignment</b> worth 5%)
Friday, September 17	Hobbes: Leviathan “Of the Natural Condition of Mankind as Concerning their Felicity and Misery”  <a href="http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/h/hobbes/thomas/h681/chapter13.html">http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/h/hobbes/thomas/h681/chapter13.html</a>	<b>Background Context:</b>  <i>We are by nature, each against each, equally: thus law required</i>
Monday, Sept. 20	“An Empirical Basis for Psychological Egoism “, Michael Slote. <a href="#">The Journal of Philosophy</a> , Vol. 61, No. 18 (Oct. 1, 1964), pp. 530-537  <a href="http://www.jstor.org/stable/2023495?seq=1">http://www.jstor.org/stable/2023495?seq=1</a>	<i>We are by nature, egoists</i>  <i>Means-Ends reasoning</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 22	John Stuart Mill, <u>On Liberty</u> Ch. 3: “Of Individuality, as One of the Elements of Well-being”  <a href="http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/m/mill/john_stuart/m645o/chapter3.html">http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/m/mill/john_stuart/m645o/chapter3.html</a>	<i>We are by nature, individuals; persons and not things</i>
Friday, Sept 24	Bentham , <u>An Introduction to the Principles of Legislation</u> Sections I (“On the Principle of Utility”); IV; XIV	<i>We are, by nature, pleasure maximizers:</i>  <i>Classic Utility</i>

<p>Monday, Sept. 27</p>	<p>E. O. Wilson, excerpt from <u>Sociobiology: The New Synthesis</u>, (reprinted in <u>Readings on Human Nature</u>) pp. 315-329; “Altruism” (Ch. 7 of <u>Human Nature</u>; “Sociobiology: A New Approach to Understanding the Basis of Human Nature” pp. 74-76.</p> <p><b>(NB: Wilson readings all in coursepack)</b></p>	<p><i>We are as natural creatures, natural creatures.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, Sept 29</p>	<p>Adam Smith, <u>The Wealth of Nations</u> Ch. 1 “Of the Division of Labour”; Ch. 2, “Of the Principle Which Gives Occasion to the Division of Labour”; Ch. 3, “That the Division of Labour is Limited by the Extent of the Market”; Ch. 10: Part 2: “Inequalities by the Policy of Europe”.</p> <p><a href="http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/s/smith/adam/s64w/">http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/s/smith/adam/s64w/</a></p>	<p><i>The Productive Powers of Labour</i></p>
<p>Friday, October 1</p>	<p>Locke, Second Treatise of Government. Chapter 5, Sections 25-51</p> <p><a href="http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/l/locke/john/181s/chapter5.html">http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/l/locke/john/181s/chapter5.html</a></p> <p>“So that it perished not uselessly in his possession” Unlimited amount (Locke) as natural right. (Locke)</p> <p>Frederick Engels: <u>The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State</u>: “The Part Played by Labour in the Transition from Ape to Man”</p> <p><a href="http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1883/don/ch09.htm">http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1883/don/ch09.htm</a></p>	<p><i>We are by nature productive and efficient makers of things; Labourers</i></p> <p><i>(basis of private property and virtue).</i></p>
<p>Monday, October 4</p>	<p>Rousseau (creation of artificial want and inequality) <i>Discourse on the Origin and Foundations of Inequality. The Second Part: (up to the paragraph that ends... ” rather than by those for whom it is detrimental”</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1782rousseau-inequal.html">http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1782rousseau-inequal.html</a></p>	<p><i>We are by nature peaceable; private property corrupts</i></p>

Wednesday, October 6	Karl Marx, <u>The Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844</u> ; “Estranged Labour” <a href="http://marx.eserver.org/1844-ep.manuscripts/1st.manuscript/4-estranged.labor.txt">http://marx.eserver.org/1844-ep.manuscripts/1st.manuscript/4-estranged.labor.txt</a> “The Power of Money in Bourgeois Society” <a href="http://marx.eserver.org/1844-ep.manuscripts/3rd.manuscript/4-money.txt">http://marx.eserver.org/1844-ep.manuscripts/3rd.manuscript/4-money.txt</a>	“If money is the bond binding me to human life”
Friday, October 8	Nozick, <u>Anarchy, State and Utopia</u> , pp. 151-182 <a href="http://www.philosophy.ubc.ca/faculty/beatty/Nozick.pdf">http://www.philosophy.ubc.ca/faculty/beatty/Nozick.pdf</a>	<i>Nature, is by nature, scarce; Just acquisition and unjust redistribution</i>
Monday, October 12	<b>No CLASS. THANKSGIVING</b> (NB this class gets made up on Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	
Wednesday, Oct. 13	Niccolo Machiavelli, <u>The Prince</u> , Ch. 16: “Concerning Generosity and Miserliness”; Ch. 17: “Concerning Cruelty and Mercy”  <a href="http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/m/machiavelli/niccolo/m149p/chapter17.html">http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/m/machiavelli/niccolo/m149p/chapter17.html</a>	<i>Concerning Generosity...</i>
Friday, October 15	A Catch-up Day...  <b>FOR THE ASSIGNMENT YOU NEED TO READ:</b> “Common Objections to Giving” & “Why Don’t We Give More?” by Peter Singer (in coursepack) <b>&amp; you will need to link your answers explicitly to the film, which will be rescreened next week.</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> assignment handed out</b>  <b>Worth 25%</b>
Monday, October 18	<b>PART TWO of the COURSE BEGINS:</b>  (Re)Screening of <u>The Gleaners</u>	Discussion of topics
Wednesday, October 20	... <u>The Gleaners</u> , con’t	
Friday, October	Marcel Duchamp: “ <i>Interview with George Heard</i> ”	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Assignment due</b>

22	<p><i>Hamilton</i> (1959)  <b>(a recording we will listen to in class)</b></p> <p>+ ‘Apropos of “Readymades”’ <b>(in coursepack)</b>  <b>Guest Lecture: Resourcefulness</b></p>	<i>Readymades</i>
Monday, October 25	<p>Marcel Mauss, <u>The Gift: The Form and Reason for Exchange in Archaic Societies</u></p> <p>“Foreword” by Mary Douglas; “Introduction” and Chapter 1, “The Exchange of Gifts and the Obligation to Reciprocate (Polynesia)” Ch. 4, “Conclusion”</p>	<i>Reciprocity</i>
Wednesday, October 27	Ch. 2, “The Extension of This System: Liberality, Honour, Money”	<i>Sociality</i>
Friday, October 29	Ch. 3, “Survivals of the Principles in Ancient Systems of Law and Ancient Economies”	<i>Liege, Legal</i>
Monday, Nov. 1	Alphonso Lingis, “Gifts” from <u>Dangerous Emotion</u>	<i>“Grubby Acts of Will”</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 3	Georges Bataille, “The Meaning of General Economy, ” & “Laws of General Economy” from <u>The Accursed Share, Volume 1</u>	<i>Superabundance</i>  <i>General and Restricted Economy</i>
Friday, Nov. 5	Georges Bataille, “The Notion of Expenditure,” from <u>Visions of Excess</u> <b>(in coursepack)</b>	<i>Functional Expenditure</i>
Monday, Nov. 8	Martin Heidegger, “The Question Concerning Technology,” from <u>Martin Heidegger: Basic Writings</u> (in coursepack)	<i>Enframing</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 10	Martin Heidegger, “The Question Concerning Technology,” from <u>Martin Heidegger: Basic Writings</u> (in coursepack)	...

Friday, Nov. 12	Giorgio Agamben, “Notes on Gesture”, from <u>Means Without Ends: Notes on Politics</u>  +Francis Aljys’ “Sometimes making something leads to nothing” ( <b>visual presentation</b> )	<i>“Nothing is produced or acted”</i>
Monday, Nov. 15	Pierre Bourdieu, “Selections from <u>The Logic of Practice</u> ”	<i>Open Secrets: Collective Misrecognition of Truth</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Film (surprise)	<i>Collective misrecognition</i>
Friday, Nov. 19	Rest of film +  Jacques Derrida, excerpt from <u>Glas</u>	<i>“A Bastard Ontology”  (The Im-proper)</i>
Monday, Nov. 22	Helene Cixous, “Lemonade” and “Extreme Fidelity”	<i>Gratitude and Abundance</i>
Wed. Nov. 24	Emmanuel Levinas, “Dialogue on Thinking-of-the-Other,” from <u>Entre-Nous</u>	<i>Ethicality as “Extravagant Generosity”</i>
Friday Nov. 26	Stanley Cavell, “The World as Things” from <u>Philosophy the Day After Tomorrow</u>	<i>“How much finer things are in collections than alone”</i>
Mon. Nov. 29	Stanley Cavell, “The World as Things” from <u>Philosophy the Day After Tomorrow</u>	<b>Last possible day for critical summaries;</b>  <b>Final essay questions handed out</b>
Wed. Dec. 1	Stanley Cavell, “The World as Things” from <u>Philosophy the Day After Tomorrow</u>	

Thurs. Dec. 2	Review Class.	<b>Final Paper due one week after last day of class: Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5pm.</b>
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### SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS

#### E-mail Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

#### When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

#### Drop Date

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2010 courses, without academic penalty, is **Thursday November 4**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

#### Copies of out-of-class assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

#### Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

#### Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

#### Resources

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

### ONE NON-STANDARD STATEMENT

**Use of laptops, cellphones, blackberries and any other electronic devices in class for purposes other than note-taking:** Prohibited. If you do this you will be asked to leave the classroom.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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