



POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

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In Political Science, “ideology” is a set of ideas or values with a reasonable degree of theoretical coherence that aim to interpret the world and, if possible, transform it politically. The objective of the course will be to critically study four ideologies that defined (and still define) the modern era in its multiple manifestations: liberalism, conservatism, socialism, and anarchism. Populism as a “thin” ideology will also be analysed.

To this end, we will seek to revisit the most relevant authors within these ideologies and the way in which their works influenced the course of political events.

1. Ideology: what’s in a word?

- 1.1. Defining political ideologies*
- 1.2. The role of ideology in modern politics*
- 1.3. Different types of political ideologies*

2. Liberalism

- 2.1. The core values of liberalism*
- 2.2. Historical and philosophical origins of liberalism*
- 2.3. Different types of liberalism*

3. Conservatism

- 3.1. The core values of conservatism*

3.2. Historical and philosophical origins of conservatism

3.3. Different types of conservatism

4. Socialism

4.1. The core values of socialism

4.2. Historical and philosophical origins of socialism

4.3. Different types of socialism

5. Anarchism

5.1. The core values of anarchism

5.2. Historical and philosophical origins of anarchism

5.3. Different types of anarchism

6. Populism: a 'thin' ideology

6.1. Populism and elitism

6.2. Historical and philosophical origins of populism

6.3. Populism and liberal democracy

7. The end of ideologies?

Bibliography

In addition to the specific texts on the topics under analysis that will be provided to students during the sessions (via Moodle), the following general works are suggested:

Eatwell, Roger e Matthew Goodwin. *National Populism – The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy.* London: Penguin, 2018.

Fawcett, Edmund. *Liberalism: The Life of an Idea.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.

_____. *Conservatism: The Fight for a Tradition.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2020.

Freedman, Michael. *Ideology: A Very Short Introduction.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Kinna, Ruth. *The Government of No One: The Theory and Practice of Anarchism.* London: Pelican, 2019.

Marshall, Peter. *Demanding the Impossible: A History of Anarchism.* Londres: Harper, 2008.

Muller, Jerry Z., org. *Conservatism.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997.

Rosas, João Cardoso e Ana Rita Ferreira, orgs. *Ideologias Políticas Contemporâneas.* Coimbra: Almedina, 2013.

Sassoon, Donald. *One Hundred Years of Socialism.* Londres: I.B. Tauris, 2013.

Vincent, Andrew. *Modern Political Ideologies.* Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

Grading

The evaluation will be through **two written tests**. Student participation in classes as well as attendance will be taken into account.