

ST V 4119 Political Utopias

Lecture plan – Fall 2009

Time 10.15 – 12.00 Place: ESH 847

Teacher: Werner Christie Mathisen

Lecture 1, 10.11: *Introduction to the course and Utopia.*

Required: Kumar (1991); Sargisson (1996)

Recommended: Kumar (1987)

Lecture 2, 13.11: *Generally about utopias and their importance for politics and political science.*

Required: Baccolini, Raffaella and Moylan (2003); Jameson (2005); Levitas (2001)

Recommended: Mathisen (2006); Saage (1997); Waschkuhn (2003)

Lecture 3, 17.11: *Thomas More and William Morris*

Required: More (1516); Morris (1890)

Recommended: Ackroyd (1998); Herz (1999)

Lecture 4, 20.11: *The dangers of utopianism and Robert Nozick.* Guest lecturer: Dag Einar Thorsen.

Required: Davis (2001); Nozick (1974).

Lecture 5, 24.11: *Brave new World.*

Required: Huxley (1932)

Recommended: Huxley (1965); Mathisen (2001)

Lecture 6, 27.11: *Feminist utopianism: Piercy.* Guest lecturer: Virginia Griffiths.

Required: Moylan (1986); Piercy (1976)

Recommended: Griffiths (2005)

Lecture 7, 01.12: *Green utopianism: Callenbach and Le Guin.*

Required: Callenbach (1975); de Geus (1999); Le Guin (1974); Mathisen (2001); Mathisen (2006)

Recommended: Callenbach (1981);

Seminar 04.12: *Discussions of essays.*

Seminar 08.12: *Discussions of essays.*

Seminar 11.12: *Discussions of essays.*

Required reading 4119B Political Utopias. Werner Christie Mathisen

Baccolini, Raffaella and Tom Moylan (ed.) (2003): *Dark Horizon. Science Fiction and the Dystopian Imagination*. New York and London: Routledge. P. 13-27& 233-249. 32p.

Callenbach, Ernest (1975/1990): *Ecotopia*. New York: Bantam Books.

Davis, Laurence (2001): "Isaiah Berlin, William Morris and the Politics of Utopia." P. 56-86 in Goodwin, Barbara (ed.) *The Philosophy of Utopia*. London: Frank Cass. 31p.

de Geus, Marius (1999): *Ecological Utopias*, Utrecht: International Books. Chapter 12 & 13. 38p.

Huxley, Aldous (1932/94): *Brave New World*. London: Flamingo.

Jameson, Fredric (2005): *Archaeologies of the Future. The Desire Called Utopia and Other Science Fictions*. London: Verso. Chapter 10 & 13. 52p.

Kumar, Krishan (1991): *Utopianism*. Milton Keynes: Open University Press. P. 25-62. 38p.

Le Guin, Ursula K. (1974): *The Dispossessed*. New York: Harper & Row.

Levitas, Ruth (2001): "For Utopia: The (Limits of the) Utopian Function in Late Capitalist Society." P. 25-43 in Goodwin, Barbara (ed.) *The Philosophy of Utopia*. London: Frank Cass. 19 p.

Mathisen, Werner Christie (2001): "The Underestimation of Politics in Green Utopias: The Description of Politics in Huxley's *Island*, Le Guin's *The Dispossessed*, and Callenbach's *Ecotopia*." *Utopian Studies* 12: 56-78. 23p.

Mathisen, Werner Christie (2006): "Green utopianism and the Greening of Science and Higher Education." *Organization & Environment* 19, (1): 110-125. 16p.

More, Thomas (1516/1989). *Utopia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Morris, William (1890/1993): *News from Nowhere and Other Writings*. London: Penguin.

Moylan, Tom (1986): *Demand the impossible: Science fiction and the utopian imagination*. New York: Methuen. P. 121-155 35p.

Nozick, Robert (1974): *Anarchy, State and Utopia*. New York: Basic Books. P. 309-334 & 351-353 28p.

Piercy, Marge (1976/81): *Woman on the Edge of Time*. London: The Women's Press.

Sargisson, Lucy (1996): *Contemporary Feminist Utopianism*. London: Routledge. Chapter 1. 30p.

Total: 942p. (All the novels are counted as 100p. regardless of their actual number of pages.)

## Recommended reading

Ackroyd Peter (1998): *The Life of Thomas More*. London: Chatto & Windus.

Callenbach, Ernest (1981): *Ecotopia emerging*. Berkeley: Banyan Tree Books.

Griffiths, Virginia Anne (2005): *Contemporary Feminist Utopianism and the Transformation of the Political*. Oslo: Universitetet i Oslo, Institutt for statsvitenskap. Masteroppgave.

Herz, Dietmar (1999): *Thomas Morus zur Einführung*. Hamburg: Junius.

Huxley, Aldous (1965): *Brave New World Revisited*. New York: Harper & Row.

Kumar, Krishan (1987): *Utopia and Anti-Utopia in Modern Times*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Mathisen, Werner Christie (2001): "Vidunderlige nye verden" *Nytt Norsk Tidsskrift*, 18, (4) s. 109-118.

Mathisen, Werner Christie (2006) "Utopier – noe for statsvitere?" *Norsk Statsvitenskapelig Tidsskrift* 22. (4) s. 420-433.

Saage, Richard (1995): *Vermessungen des Nirgendwo: Begriffe, Wirkungsgeschichte und Lernprozesse der neuzeitlichen Utopien*. Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft.

Saage, Richard (1997): *Utopieforschung. Eine Bilanz*. Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft.

Saage, Richard (2003): *Utopische Profile: Widersprüche und Synthesen des 20. Jahrhunderts*. Münster: Lit Verlag.

Waschkuhn, Arno (2003): *Politische Utopien*. München: R. Oldenbourg.