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POSC 120: Introduction to Political Thinking

Take home examination (final examination)

Distributed: Thursday, December 7, 2017

Due: Monday, December 11, 2017 by 2 p.m. to C. Picault in Comenius 206

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Terms to be discussed:

ACTOR

INTENTION

ACTION

OUTCOME

OPTION 1: Plato, *Crito*; Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*; Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

OPTION 2: Aristophanes, *Lysistrata*; Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*; "Combahee River Collective Statement"

OPTION 3: Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Curse for a Nation"; Plato, *Apology*; Marilyn Robinson, "Imagination and Community"

OPTION 4: Plato, *The Republic* (VII, The Cave, Divided Line); Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince*; Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

Word count for this exam 750 to 800 max. Type it on your computer but go offline while you are doing so. Double space, please.

Please pick one of the sets of texts above and discuss them with regard to the central terms of the course. Clearly identify your chosen option and name your source texts. This is a formal academic exam. Language must be careful, precise, specific, and polished. You may use one passage of textual evidence not to exceed three lines in your text for each source. Short, in-line quotations only, please. Show me that you have become a more critical and politically minded reader of texts. Use the vocabulary acquired over the course of the semester. Approach this task comparatively to heighten your insights.

You are taking this exam in good faith. I trust you to be honest. Remember that this is a moral life course. If you cheat on this exam, I may not catch you, but you will have *meaningfully failed* the entire enterprise. You may use your course texts and your notes. You may *not* use online resources of any kind or ask others for help. Show me *your encounter with our texts*. Please note: I am a diligent Googler of suspiciously well-turned phrases and pursue plagiarism with a vengeance, including reporting it to Academic Affairs. You are well prepared to take this exam. Please relax and do your best work. I am looking forward to your insights.

Good luck and every best wish for the end of 2017!
Dr. Haddad