CHID 207

Introduction to Intellectual History

This course is designed to introduce students to the idea and practice of intellectual history through an examination of the idea of community as it has appeared in the work of select thinkers from Plato to Freud.

Why community? Historically, periods of crisis (war, disease, famine, etc.) or transition (brought about by discovery or technological innovation) have led to fresh engagements with the idea of community. Today, the globalization of the market, the normalization of culture, the development of increasingly subtle forms of social control and, most recently, the dismantling of foundational elements of democracy has injected the question of community with fresh urgency and relevance.

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