Philosophy 4450/4499
Enrique Dussel
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Course Description: Enrique Dussel is the most important Latin American philosopher of the last fifty years. His philosophical output has been consistent from the late 1960s through to the present; including important books on ethics, the work of Karl Marx, Philosophy of Liberation, theology, and political philosophy, not to mention innumerable articles. This class will be dedicated to gaining an understanding of his central concepts and most impactful philosophical interventions. To that end, the course will include both primary and secondary sources, and supplementary historical material.

Texts:

Course Requirements: Over the course of the semester students
- will bring the days reading to class according to the schedule on the syllabus and/or the professor’s instructions;
- will actively engage the course material and participate in the class discussion; and
- will attend class regularly, even if attendance is not taken.

Student Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course students will have
- a solid understanding of the scope and breadth of Dussel’s work;
- an awareness of the important connection between the Theology of Liberation and the development of Dussel’s philosophical work;
- a firm grasp of Dussel’s most famous work *The Philosophy of Liberation*;
- a nuanced understanding of the complex relationship between the Western philosophical tradition and Latin American philosophy; and
- an appreciation for how Dussel’s concepts and critiques emerge from a specifically Latin American context and history.

Grading Scale:
Students are evaluated on the following scale:
A (90%–100%)
B (80%–89%)
C (70%–79%)
D (60%-69%)
F (59% and below)
I (Indicates an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond his/her control is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. Incomplete grades are only valid after submission of the Incomplete Grade form (signed by both the instructor and student) to the Department Chair’s office.)

Evaluation: Your final grade will be determined by three papers. The first two papers will be short (5 pages) and exegetical; the first covering Dussel’s work in broad brushstrokes and giving an account of his critique of modernity, and the second will trace and describe the connection between the Theology of Liberation and the call for a Philosophy of Liberation. The third and final paper will be longer (8-10 pages) and you will be expected to weave several texts together to articulate an account of Dussel’s philosophical development. The first two papers will each be worth 25% of the final grade, and the final paper will be worth 35%. The final 15% of your grade will be determined by your in-class participation.

Academic Integrity Statement: Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section 5.C of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the university’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to university materials, misrepresentation/falsification of university records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI), which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement. See also https://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/ksu-student-code-conduct.

In short, plagiarism and/or cheating will result in a failing grade for this course.

Attendance Policy: There are no excused absences in college. Students are responsible for making up class by conferring with classmates (i.e. getting notes and discussing the main topics of conversation). Students are responsible for all material covered: readings, lectures, and documentary presentations. I will allow make-up exams only if I’m contacted at least two days prior to the exam date.

ADA Compliance: Students with qualifying disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act who require “reasonable accommodation(s)” to complete the course may request those from Department of Student Success Services. Students requiring such accommodations are required to work with the University’s Department of Student Success Services rather than engaging in this discussion with individual faculty members or academic departments. If, after reviewing the course syllabus, a student anticipates or should have anticipated a need for accommodation, he or she must submit documentation requesting an accommodation and permitting time for a determination prior to submitting assignments or taking course quizzes or exams. Students
may not request retroactive accommodation for needs that were or should have been foreseeable. Students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations. For more information please visit their website, sss.kennesaw.edu/sds.

Contact information is as follows:
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Schedule of Readings:

August 15: Introduction: Latin American Philosophy and Enrique Dussel

Part I. Setting the Ground

August 17: Enrique Dussel, “Ethics is the Original Philosophy; or, the Barbarian Words Coming from the Third World: An Interview with Enrique Dussel”

*Boundary* 2, vol.28, no.1 (2001)

August 22: Interview continued


September 5: No class

Part II. The Critique of Modernity


Paper #1 Assigned


Paper #1 Due for Peer Review

September 14: Dussel continued


Paper #1 Final Due

**Part III. The Theology of Liberation**


**Part IV. The Philosophy of Liberation**


October 17: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (2.1 & 2.2, pgs. 16-29)
Paper #2 Assigned

October 19: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (2.3 & 2.4, pgs. 29-49)

October 24: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (2.5 & 2.6, pgs. 49-66)
Paper #2 Due for Peer Review

October 26: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (3.1 & 3.2, pgs. 67-87)

October 31: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (3.3 & 3.4, pgs. 87-105)
Paper #2 Final Draft Due

November 2: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (4.1& 4.2, pgs. 106-126)
November 7: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (4.3 & 4.4, pgs. 126-152)

November 9: *The Philosophy of Liberation* continued (Chapter 5, pgs. 153-180)

November 14: *The Philosophy of Liberation* Summary and Review

November 16: *The Philosophy of Liberation* Summary and Review
   Note for 4499s: Thursday November 17th is the day of your public presentations

November 21 & 23: No class

**Part V. Transmodernity**

   Final Paper Assigned

November 30: Linda Alcoff, “Enrique Dussel’s Transmodernism,” Transmodernity (Spring 2012)


December 12: **Final Papers Due** (no later than 4:30 pm turned in through Dropbox and office mailbox)