SOCIAL & POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
‘Critique, Alterity, Renewal’

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La Fin du Monde (2006), Gao Xingjian (credit – medium.com)

By engaging works by Hannah Arendt, Herbert Marcuse, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, and Michel Foucault (with Kant, Hegel, and Marx in rearview mirror), the course will explore central concepts in 20th century social and political critique. Concepts such as alienation, exploitation, conformism, action, instrumental reason, intersubjectivity, conceptual self-reflection, progress, historical sedimentation, power/knowledge, freedom, and truth will take center stage. The goal of the course will be to uncover how philosophical critique can offer insight into historical alternatives, new possibilities for self- and world-transformation, the possibility for social change as well as tackling timely forms of social injustice.

PREREQUISITES: Undergraduate (any one of PHIL 31001 through 31006, 31010, or 31020)
Graduate (graduate standing)

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