The Scottish Enlightenment: Smith and Hume reading list

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Session I: *Hume on Justice and the Social Contract*

Hume, David. *A Treatise of Human Nature.* Edited by David Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. Selections from Part 2, “Of Justice and Injustice,” Sections 1–5 p. 307–337

Hume, David. *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary*. Edited by Eugene F. Miller. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1985, 1987. Essay XII, “Of the Original Contract” p. 465–487

Session II: *Smith on Sympathy, Justice, and the Impartial Spectator*

Smith, Adam. *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. Edited by D. D. Raphael and A. L. Macfie. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 1982.

Part I, Section I, Chapter 1 “Of Sympathy” p. 9–13

Chapter 2 “Of the Pleasure of Mutual Sympathy” p. 13–16

Chapter 3 “Of the Manner in Which we Judge of the Propriety or Impropriety of the Affections of Other Men, by their Concord or Dissonance with our Own” p. 16–19

Chapter 4 “The same subject continued” p. 19–23

Chapter 5 “Of the Amiable and Respectable Virtues” p. 23–26

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Chapter 3 “Of the Utility of this Constitution of Nature” p. 85–91

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Chapter 2, “Of the Love of Praise, and of that of Praise–worthiness; and of the Dread of Blame, and of that of Blame–worthiness” p. 113–117

Session III: *Hume’s Political Economy*

Hume, David. *Essays, Moral, Political, and Literary.* Edited by Eugene F. Miller. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1985, 1987.

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Essay V, “Of the Origin of Government” p. 37–41

Essay VI, “Of the Independency of Parliament” p. 42–46

Part II, Essay I, “Of Commerce” p. 253–267

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Session IV: *Smith’s Political Economy*

Smith, Adam. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations, Volume I.* Edited by R. H. Campbell and A. S. Skinner. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 1982.

Book I, Chapter 1, “Of the Division of Labour” p. 13–23

Chapter 2, “Of the Principle which gives Occasion to the Division of Labour” p. 24–30

Chapter 3, “That the Division of Labour is Limited by the Extent of the Market” p. 31–36