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## **Public Intellectuals in the 20th Century: Politics, Literature and Ideology**

This course reviews the history of the 20th Century in the Western world, from the perspective of ten intellectuals. From Rosa Luxemburg to Thomas Piketty, other intellectuals considered are Antonio Gramsci, John Steinbeck, José Ortega y Gasset, George Orwell, Albert Camus, Hannah Arendt, Michael Sandel, and Amartya Sen.

All of these intellectuals, belonging to different countries and to different fields of experience and knowledge, were not of the cloistered kind. They were politicians, journalists, ideologues, public men and women who were critical of their circumstances and wanted a change.

Politics, violence, idealism, courage, and intellectual perspicuity are elements of the personal and general history that will be covered in this course.