

**Istanbul Technical University**  
**Reading List for the Comprehensive Exam in Political Thought**

*I. Ancient and Medieval*

- Plato. (c. 375 BCE). *The Republic*.
- Aristotle. (c. 350 BCE). *The Politics*.
- Aristotle. (c. 340 BCE). *Nicomachean Ethics*.
- Cicero, M. T. (106-43 BCE). *De Re Publica; De Legibus*.
- Augustine. (426 CE). *City of God*.
- Aquinas, T. (1265-1274). *Summa Theologiae I*.

*II. Modern*

- Hegel, G. W. F. (1821). *The Philosophy of Right*.
- Hegel, G. W. F. (1807). *The Phenomenology of Spirit*.
- Hobbes, T. (1651). *Leviathan*.
- Hume, D. (1739-1740). *A Treatise on Human Nature* (part III).
- Kant, I. (1784). *Idea for a Universal History*.
- Kant, I. (1784). *What is Enlightenment?*
- Kant, I. (1795). *Toward Perpetual Peace*.
- Kant, I. (1785). *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*.
- Locke, J. (1689). *Second Treatise on Government*.
- Machiavelli, N. (1532). *The Prince*.
- Machiavelli, N. (1531). *Discourses on Livy*.
- Marx, K. (1844). 'On the Jewish Question'.
- Marx, K. (1844). *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*.
- Marx, K. (1859). 'Preface to a Critique of Political Economy'.
- Mill, J. S. (1859). *On Liberty*.
- Mill, J. S. (1863). *Utilitarianism*.
- Montesquieu, C. (1748). *The Spirit of the Laws*.
- Nietzsche, F. (1887). *Genealogy of Morals*.
- Nietzsche, F. (1874). *Uses and Abuses of History for Life*.
- Marx, K. (1875). 'Critique of the Gotha Programme'.
- Rousseau, J. J. (1755). *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*.
- Rousseau, J. J. (1762). *The Social Contract*.
- Smith, A. (1776). *The Wealth of Nations*.
- Vico, G. (1725). *The New Science*.

*III. Contemporary*

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