

Module Title: German Thought I: Marx, Nietzsche, Freud

Module Code: COM5008

Credit Value: 15

Level: 5

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

This module focuses on three German-language thinkers of global influence: Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Sigmund Freud. Students will encounter some of the main ideas of each thinker, including the understanding of history as class struggle (Marx), the philosophy of language and the death of God (Nietzsche), and the idea of the unconscious (Freud). Further thinkers working in these traditions (for example: Rosa Luxemburg, Sarah Kofman, Herbert Marcuse, Melanie Klein, Erich Fromm) may also be considered. Comparative literature students will study German texts in translation.