

Osher Lifelong Learning Center

From Plato to Foucault: On Political Ideas and Government

Explore major political thinkers of the Western canon of political philosophy beginning with the political dialogues of Plato, the medieval Christian, Islamic, and Jewish traditions, followed by a survey of modern and contemporary philosophy. The course will focus on what constitutes "good" government, political representation, means and limits of state building and sovereignty, and the nature of power.

Recommended text: Sheldon Wolin, *Politics and Vision*; Leo Strauss (ed), *History of Political Philosophy*.

Limit: 35

Instructor: Sergio Valverde, PhD student in political science, licentiate in philosophy, Universidad de Costa Rica, OLLI Scholar

Wednesdays, September 21 through November 13,
10:00-11:30am in Heritage Hall

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Bookend: A Most Marvelous Voyage

You could spend \$60,000 and a whole month following the path of Charles Darwin's 5-year voyage in HMS Beagle around the southern hemisphere. Or, you can stay home, enjoy a Minnesota fall, read *The Voyage of the Beagle*, and discuss Darwin's sparkling account with all its excitement and trials. Find out how this voyage helped him form his explanation for organic evolution and what impact the Galapagos Islands had on his thinking. Learn about other members of this famous voyage. Our first class will introduce the text and internet resources, plus background on Darwin and the voyage itself. The second meeting will cover our reading.

Required text: *The Voyage of the Beagle*.

Limit: 20

Instructor: Ted Greenfield, professor of history of science, OLLI member

Wednesdays, September 30 & October 28, 12:30-2:00pm in Heritage Hall

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