

Tentative course outline

Philosophy 756: Community and Alienation

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Description:

In this seminar we will explore the nature of community as it is addressed in the works of several 20th century thinkers (with excursions into Marx) and the effects of being without it—call it isolation, alienation, or aloneness/loneliness—with reference to several contemporary works.

Tentative texts:

Hannah Arendt, *The Human Condition*

Franco Bifo Berardi, *The Soul At Work: From Alienation to Autonomy*

Edith Stein, *Philosophy of Psychology and the Humanities*

Essays by Marx, Simone Weil, Rahel Jaeggi

Assignments:

Short essay (5-6 pages) = 20%

Final Essay (20 pages) = 60%

Seminar presentation = 20%