**Political science – 2nd class October 27 2017**

1. **Discussing final questions to lecture 1**
2. **If politics is essentially social, why is not social activity political?**
3. **Why has politics so often carried negative associations?**
4. **How would you defend politics as a worthwhile and ennobling activity?**
5. **Is politics inevitable? Could politics ever be brought to an end?**
6. **Why has the idea of a science of politics been so attractive?**
7. **Is it possible to study politics objectively?**
8. **Discussion – lecture 2**

**1Has socialism a future?**

**2In what circumstances does fascism rise?**

1. **Do anarchists demand the impossible?**
2. **Why has feminism, environmentalism and fundamentalism become so significant?**
3. **Is it possible to get rid of ideology?**
4. **Textual analyses**
5. **Aristotle’s Politics part XI**
6. **What are three groups of citizens in ancient Greece?**
7. **Which one is praised by Aristotle? Why?**
8. **What form of constitutions and thus a political system he favours? Which one he rejects and why?**
9. **Machiavelli’s Prince**
10. **What makes a prince most famous? Who proved it and how?**
11. **How did Ferdinand of Aragon treat religion?**
12. **What should a prince do in internal affairs?**
13. **What else should he do to gain a reputation?**
14. **Why is it better not to stay neutral?**
15. **What does wisdom consist of and what does this mean?**
16. **What else should a prince do to gain reputation?**
17. **How would you call all these prince’s efforts to gain reputation?**

**Basic notions to lecture 2**

1. Political ideology
2. liberalism
3. Meta-ideology
4. Progress
5. Meritocracy
6. Atomism
7. Economic liberalism
8. Big government
9. Redistributionaternalism
10. Ancien regime
11. Conservatism
12. Natural aristocracy
13. Noblesse oblige
14. Toryism
15. Christian Democracy
16. Nanny state
17. Permissivenes
18. Socialism
19. Communism
20. Revisionism
21. Dialectical materialism
22. Alienation
23. Class consciousness
24. Perestroika
25. Social democracy
26. Third way
27. Fascism
28. Anarchism
29. Feminism
30. Environmentalism
31. Anthropocentrism
32. Religious fundamentalism
33. Social reflexivity

**Homework**

1. **Reading – A. Heywood, Politics – page 30, 32-34, 81-87 – we are preparing an Oxford debate “Is liberal democracy an ideal political system? Its pros and cons”**
2. **Reading Heywood, p. 99-102 – The role of the state**