Studíes in German Philosophy: Hegel and Honneth 314

In this course, we will read and discuss two major works on the institutional basis of modern freedom. The first is Hegel's classic work: "Elements of the Philosophy of Right." The second is a recent book by one of the foremost contemporary philosophers in the critical theory tradition: Axel Honneth's "Freedom's Right: The Social Foundations of Democratic Life." Honneth's work is patterned on Hegel's--we will be exploring the parallels and differences between their approaches to questions about the conditions that must be met in order for freedom to be realized in the social world.