Freshman Seminar: Philosophy of Work and Money

In this course we will discuss the nature of work and money, and their roles in human life, as treated in classic philosophical texts. The course is also therefore aimed to familiarize students with foundational texts in the philosophical tradition in social thought. These texts concern -- and we will discuss -- not just the general nature of work or money, but also the characters of different sorts of work and the special moral or political problems they might pose, for example, “dirty” work, alienated work, traditionally unpaid women’s work, etc.