



Revolutions in Thought

Continental Philosophy from Marx to Derrida

The period from 1850 to the end of the twentieth century was one of great upheaval in Europe, including two world wars, revolutions, the rise and fall of communism, and the decline and violent collapse of colonial empires. The tumult of European history is mirrored in the radical shifts in European philosophy that occurred over the same period. New schools of thought arose—Marxism, Existentialism, Psychoanalysis, Post-Structuralism, Post-Colonialism—with each both contesting and adapting the ideas that came earlier. In this course, we will trace these revolutions in thought that defined modern continental philosophy while contextualizing them within the historical developments during which they arose and of which they were a part.

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