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A Future Feeling: Critical Theory, Dating App Technology, and Digital Intimacy

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Labor Cynicism: A Structural Theory for Labor Market Marginality

Tae Hwan Kim

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Uneasiness: Investigating Arguments Behind Conceptions of Laïcité Among Political Science Students in France

Priya Kukreja

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Care or Criminalization: Deviant Female Sexuality and Reproductive Control, 1870-1920

Mary McDermott

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On the Outside Looking In: How One Urban Campus Shapes Rural Students' Perspectives on the Culture and Politics of Home

Aaryan Morrison

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Africanity and the Extranational Imagination: Political Philosophies from Tanzania and South Africa

Elizabeth Paglione

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Damming the Lifeblood of Laos or Building the Battery of Asia? Hydropower on the Lao Mekong as a Site of Environmental Contestation

Dora Paolini

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Locating Linguistics: Shifting Ideologies and Emergent Registers of Bilingual Education in Massachusetts, 1971-Present

Spring 2023

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State v. DeLavallade: Reading Judicial Narratives and the Black Family Archive

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From Choice to Justice: Intersectionality in the U.S. Reproductive Rights Movement, 1980–1994

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From the “Naked Public Square” to the “War on Woke Ideology”: American Culture Warriors Redefining Secularism as Discriminatory

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“Without Data, Am I Dead?”: Failed Promises of Disruptive Technology and Bioconstitutional Fragmentation in Modern America

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Embodied Representations: Julia Kristeva’s Psycholinguistic Theory of Gestation

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Trustee or Delegate? State Legislators' Conceptions of Representative Duty

Tzofiya Bookstein

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Learning the 'Other's Language': Narratives of Transformation, Identity, and Power in Jerusalem

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The Dark Side of the Moon: Racialized Islam in the Shadows of the West

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Maribel Cervantes

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A History of Haudenosaunee Political Theory at Six Nations of the Grand River

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What We Owe to Climate Refugees: The Ethics of Individual Action Amidst Pervasive Climate Change Injustice

Nicolas Eccles

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The Image of the Black Criminal: Societal Ramifications from News and Social Media Distortion in Modern America

Tobias Edelstein

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Woodrow Wilson's War: Pragmatism and American Exceptionalism

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Humor and the Absurdity of Black Life

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Invisible Million: The Education of Homeless Students in New York City and Houston

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Longing and Belonging in the World's Coldest Country: Immigrant Integration in Norway

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