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POLSC 661

# Political Thought: Classical to the Sixteenth Century

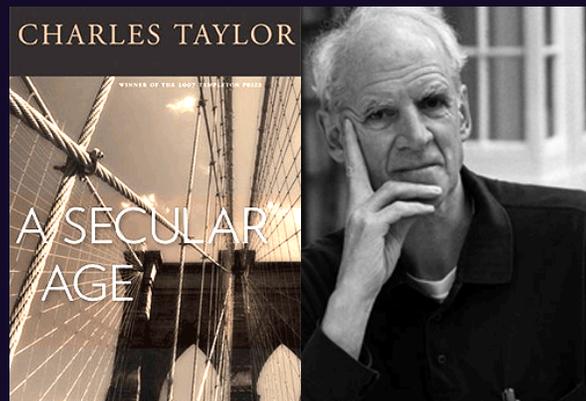
Dr. Laurie Johnson

Tuesdays & Thursdays

11:30-12:45PM

**How did we get to the secular age?** Study in-depth some great works in ancient and medieval political and social thought from influential figures such as; Plato, Aristotle, Marie de France, John of Salisbury, St. Augustine, and more.

Emphasis will be placed on students' interpretation of the works and the application of students' findings to contemporary and timeless political and social questions. To the latter end, we will be reading Charles Taylor's ***A Secular Age***, a path-breaking analysis of the demystification of Western society and what lies beyond it.



This course qualifies for a Primary Texts Certificate credit!

