This seminar will focus on the Frankfurt School.

After looking briefly at the origins in Marx and Weber, and more immediately in Lukács and Korsch, we will turn to some of the key works by the central figures in the Frankfurt School: Horkheimer, Adorno, Marcuse, Löwenthal, Benjamin, and Fromm. In the last few weeks we will examine briefly the chief representative of the second-generation of the Frankfurt School: Jürgen Habermas.

Students will be expected to contribute by reading assignments carefully and participating in discussions (in English), making presentations and leading discussions, and writing a research paper. I will choose texts that are readily available in English so that students from other departments, whose German is not adequate to read the texts in the original, can also participate in the seminar.

Prereq: German 6200, or Grad standing, or permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 30 cr hrs. Admis Cond course.