

PAL Hannah Arendt reading group
READING LIST
UPDATED February 24, 2015

Tuesdays 7 p.m. Spring 2015
FHI Conference Room, Bay 4, Smith Warehouse
(on your immediate left as you enter)

New participants are always welcome!!

Three books to get:

The Portable Hannah Arendt, ed. and intro. Peter Baehr (Penguin Classics). From now on: PHA.

Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil (Penguin Classics).

The Human Condition (Chicago)

3/3 - 7 p.m. PAL Film Screening:

Hannah Arendt (2012, dir. Margarethe von Trotta, with Barbara Sukowa)

Reading: *Eichmann in Jerusalem*. The reading group will discuss the film and the book after the movie, as part of the general discussion of the film.

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- “What Is Authority?” (PHA pp. 462-507)
- “Truth and Politics” (PHA, pp. 545-575)
- “The Concept of History” (PHA, pp. 278-310)

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- *The Human Condition*. Focusing on section on Action (?)
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4/9 (Thursday) PAL Hannah Arendt Symposium

4 – 7 p.m. with Ella Myers and Lori Marso (For details, see www.dukepal.org)

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- Discussion of the symposium.
- Continue discussion of *The Human Condition*

Past meetings:

1/20 — Introductory meeting

- What do we want from the reading group? — Why are we doing this?
- Keep the amount of reading to a manageable level. How much do we want to read per week? Some texts are harder than others.
- Set up our reading list, at least for a few sessions ahead.

We discussed suggestions received from Ella Myers, Lori Marso and Linda Zerilli.

2/3: *Introducing Hannah Arendt*

- “Overview: What Remains,” Interview with Günter Gaus. PHA, pp. 3-22
- “Understanding and Politics,” in *Essays in Understanding* (ed. Jerome Kohn).
- “What Is Freedom?” PHA pp. 438-61.

2/17 CANCELED BECAUSE OF SNOW AND ICE