

Title: The Macho State: Patriarchy, Fascism, and the Moral Metaphysics of Man

Description: What is the relationship between patriarchy and fascism? In this course, we will explore this question together, using the conceptual foundations of patriarchy developed in my book *Real Men on Top* (Oxford University Press, May 2026). Standard feminist theory treats patriarchy as a system of male supremacy over women. In this course, we put "Man" under the microscope as instead a triptych identity — Male, Human, and Adult — and discuss the political logic of this construction. Against this background, we also will discuss canonical and contemporary works on fascism — including Wilhelm Reich, Hannah Arendt, Jason Stanley and Ruth Ben-Ghiat — to examine how fascist politics deploys the moral grammar of patriarchy when that grammar starts to lose its legitimacy. The course closes by asking: if fascism is patriarchy under threat, and patriarchy is rooted in a moral metaphysics of Man, what does effective resistance require?