**Hannah Arendt**

**OLLI Spring 2022 4-week course**

**Syllabus**

Recommended

*The Portable Hannah Arendt*. Edited by Peter Baehr. Penguin Classics, 2003.

Elisabeth Young-Bruehl. *Hannah Arendt: For Love of the World*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1982; 2nd edition, 2004.

1964 interview with Günter Gaus:

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsoImQfVsO4>

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1. **Week One: Becoming Hannah Arendt**

Course introduction

Arendt as student in 1920s Germany

Arendt and Christianity

*Love and Saint Augustine* (1929)

*Rahel Varnhagen: The Life of a Jewess* (1933, 1957)

Prisoner and refugee

Editor and journalist

1. **Week Two: Arendt in America**

*The Origins of Totalitarianism* (1951, 1966)

 *Antisemitism*

 *Imperialism*

 *Totalitarianism*

1. **Week Three: Arendt as Political Thinker**

Her summa: *The Human Condition* (1958)

 The Private, the Social, and the Political

Life as the Highest Good

Natality

*Between Past and Future: Six Exercises in Political Thought* (1961)

 Tradition and Culture

History

Freedom

Education

Truth and Lying in Politics

*On Revolution* (1968)

 1776, 1789, 1918

*On Violence* (1970)

1. **Germany, Israel, and the World**

*Eichmann in Jerusalem* (1963)

*The Life of the Mind* (1978)

Final remarks