



### **Topic I**

“Well-informed cynicism is only another mode of conformity.”

—Max Horkheimer (1974). *Eclipse of Reason*. New York: Continuum, p. 113.

### **Topic II**

“Motion and existence are necessarily interrelated for the Native American philosopher. What exists has motion; what has no motion does not continue to exist. [...] Thus, for the Hopi at least, there are no ‘things’ but rather the world consists of ‘events’: *being, peopleing, mountaining*, and so on.”

—Viola Faye Cordova (2007). *How It Is: The Native American Philosophy of VF Cordova*. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, p. 117.

### **Topic III**

“The real problem of humanity is the following: we have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and god-like technology.”

—Edward O. Wilson. *Debate at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, Cambridge, Mass., 9 September 2009*.

### **Topic IV**

“Freedom is not sacrificed only when others tell us what to say, where to go, how to behave. A society that claims to enable people to realize their potential, but fails to change the structures that prevent everyone from flourishing, is also oppressive. And yet, despite all constraints, we never lose our inner freedom: the freedom to do what is right.”

—Lea Ypi (2022). *Free: Coming of Age at the End of History*. London: Penguin Books, p. 305.