

Philosophy 285 Seminar: Social Justice Within and Beyond Borders
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Thursdays 1:00-3:50p, HSS 7077
Fall 2007

Course Requirements: Regular attendance and participation at seminar meetings, some seminar presentations (analyzing a reading and leading its discussion), and a term paper on some topic central to course themes. Regular auditors of the class are welcome, but will make some seminar presentations.

Required Texts: (1) John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, (2) Martha Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice*, (3) Samuel Freeman, *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*, (4) John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*, and (5) the Cal Copy Fall 2007 Reader, available at 3251 Holiday Court #103, which is located on Villa La Jolla Dr. one block south of La Jolla Village Dr. (behind the Mobil gas station). The telephone number is (858) 452-9949. The required books are available in the University Bookstore. All materials will also be available in the Department Library There is also a course web page, accessible at <http://philosophy.ucsd.edu/> click on Courses, then fall 2007, then 285. Some of the required essay-length readings and some further recommended readings are available online via the course web page..

Seminar Meeting Topics and Readings:

Week 1. Topic: John Rawls's Theory of Justice

Sept. 27

Reading:

- John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (chapters 1 and 2).
- T. M. Scanlon, "Rawls on Justification," in S. Freeman, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Week 2. Topic: John Rawls's Theory of Justice

Oct. 4

Reading:

- Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (chapter 3).
- Samuel Freeman, "Introduction: John Rawls—An Overview," first two sections, pages 1-28; and Thomas Nagel, "Rawls and Liberalism," both in Samuel Freeman, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Week 3. Topic: Criticisms and rivals—Utility, priority, luck

Oct. 11

Reading:

- Derek Parfit, "Equality or Priority?", reprinted in Clayton and Williams, *The Ideal of Equality*.
- Will Kymlicka, "Liberal Equality," in his *Contemporary Political Philosophy*.
- R. Dworkin, "Justice, Insurance, and Luck," in his *Sovereign Virtue*
- Philippe Van Parijs, "Difference Principles," and Samuel Scheffler, "Rawls and Utilitarianism," both in S. Freeman, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Week 4. Topic: Rival Approaches, The capability approach

Oct. 18

Reading:

- Amartya Sen, "Capability and Well-Being" in A. Sen and M. Nussbaum, eds, *The Quality of Life*.
- Martha Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice*, chapters 1 and sections i-ix of chapter 3.

- Thomas Pogge, “Can the Capability Approach Be Justified?” (excerpt), *Philosophical Topics* (2005).

Further recommended reading:

- Richard Arneson, “Perfectionism and Politics,” *Ethics* (2000).
- Amartya Sen, “Equality of What?,” in Sen, *Choice, Welfare, and Measurement*.
- Brian Barry, *Justice as Impartiality*.

Week 5.
Oct. 25

Topic: Rawls on equal basic liberty and the priority of his liberty principle

Reading:

- John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, chapter 4 and section 82 (“The Grounds for the Priority of Liberty”).
- Rawls, *Political Liberalism*, Lecture VIII (“The Basic Liberties and Their Priority”).
- Robert S. Taylor, “Rawls’s Defense of the Priority of Liberty: A Kantian Reconstruction,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Summer, 2003).

Further recommended reading:

- Joshua Cohen, “For a Democratic Society,” in S. Freeman, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.
- T. M. Scanlon, “A Theory of Freedom of Expression,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1972).

Week 6.
Nov. 1

Topic: Egalitarianism in institutions; wide freedom to live as one chooses in private life

Reading:

- G. A. Cohen, chapters 8 (“Justice, Incentives, and Selfishness”) and 9 (“On the Site of Distributive Justice”) in his *If You’re an Egalitarian, How Come You’re So Rich*.
- Andrew Williams, “Incentives, Inequality, and Publicity,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1998).
- Norman Daniels, “Rawls’s Complex Egalitarianism,” *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Further recommended reading:

- A.J. Julius, “Basic Stricture and the Value of Equality,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Fall, 2003)
- G. A. Cohen manuscript, *Rescuing Justice and Equality*.

Week 7.
Nov. 8

Topic: Political liberalism

Reading:

- John Rawls, “Justice as Fairness: Political Not Metaphysical,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1985)
- Rawls, *Political Liberalism*; Lectures I (“Fundamental Ideas”) and II (“The Powers of Citizens and Their Representation”)
- Burton Dreben, “On Rawls and Political Liberalism,” in Freeman, ed., *Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Further recommended reading:

- Charles Larmore, “Public Reason,” and Stephen Mulhall and Adam Swift, “Rawls and Communitarianism,” both in *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls*.

Week 8. Topic: Global Justice

Nov. 15

Reading:

- John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*.
- Martha Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice*, chapters 4 and 5.

Week 9. (Thanksgiving Holiday; this week’s seminar will be rescheduled for another day.)

Nov. 22

Topic: Global justice by military force: humanitarian military intervention

Reading:

- Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, chapter 4 (“Law and Order in International Society”) and chapter 6 (“Interventions”)
- Gerald Doppelt, “Walzer’s Theory of Morality in International Relations,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1978).
- Jeff McMahan, “Just Cause for War,” *Ethics and International Affairs* (2005).

Week 10. Topic: Skepticism regarding global justice; minimalist and intermediate global justice doctrines

Nov. 29

Reading:

- Thomas Nagel, “The Problem of Global Justice,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (2006).
- Joshua Cohen and Charles Sabel, “Extra Rempublicam Nulla Justitia?,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Spring, 2006).
- A. J. Julius, “Nagel’s Atlas,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Spring, 2006).

Further recommended reading:

- Michael Blake, “Distributive Justice, State Coercion, and Autonomy,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1998)..
- Richard Miller, “Cosmopolitan Respect and Patriotic Concern,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1998).

Week 11. Topic: Multiculturalism, Tolerance. What does the state owe to members with minority cultural roots?

Dec. 6

Reading:

- Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, chapters 5 and 6.
- Samuel Scheffler, “Immigration and the Significance of Culture,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Spring, 2007).

Further recommended reading:

- Brian Barry, *Equality and Culture*.

Another topic worth exploring (e.g. as a term essay): Justice and disability

Reading:

- Martha Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice*, chapters 2, 3, and 6.
- Jeff McMahan, “Cognitive Disability, Misfortune, and Justice,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (1996).
- Peter Vallentyne, “Of Mice and Men,” in Nils Holtug and Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, *Egalitarianism*.