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:  

**Week 2.**  
Topic: **John Rawls’s Theory of Justice**  
Oct. 4  
Reading:  

**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*.  

**Week 4.**  
Topic: **Rival Approaches. The capability approach**  
Oct. 18  
Reading:  
- Martha Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice*, chapters 1 and sections i-ix of chapter 3.
Week 5. Topic: Rawls on equal basic liberty and the priority of his liberty
Oct. 25
Reading:
- Rawls, Political Liberalism, Lecture VIII (“The Basic Liberties and Their Priority”).

Further recommended reading:

Week 6. Topic: Egalitarianism in institutions; wide freedom to live as one chooses in private life
Nov. 1
Reading:

Further recommended reading:

Week 7. Topic: Political liberalism
Nov. 8
Reading:
- Rawls, Political Liberalism; Lectures I (“Fundamental Ideas”) and II (“The Powers of Citizens and Their Representation”)

Further recommended reading:

Week 8. Topic: Global Justice
Nov. 15 Reading:
- 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”)

Week 10. Topic: Skepticism regarding global justice; minimalist and intermediate global justice doctrines
Nov. 29 Reading:
Further recommended reading:

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.
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.