

Politics 4206g/9762b: Theories of Global Justice 2013-14 (Winter Term)

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In this seminar course we discuss some of the leading controversies within the topic of global justice, focusing on issues relating to distributive justice.

Until quite recently, political theorists focused their attention more or less exclusively on relations among co-citizens or co-nationals. In the past few decades, however, and especially in the last ten years, there has been intense interest in issues of justice relating to what happens *between* states – if what happens between co-citizens poses issues of justice or injustice, why should what happens between states not do so?

There is no text-book for this course. The weekly readings will be posted on the OWL site for the course. When additional readings have URLs they are included below; additional readings without URLs are on reserve in the Weldon Library.

Evaluation:

A final essay, due on the last day of classes, 70%: unless you get the instructors' agreement, the essay is to be on one of the week's topics, drawing on the assigned readings plus additional readings as appropriate. Additional readings are suggested for each topic below. The essay should be 12-15 pages double-spaced. Late essays are subject to a penalty of 2% per day.

Participation: 30%.

To be eligible for this portion of the final grade, students must attend all classes except when there are medical or compassionate reasons, and hand in at each class a weekly response to the readings*. This is to be one page, single-spaced, and should succinctly state what you take to be the main point of each reading, and then state what issue or issues the readings pose for discussion. It will be assessed on a pass/fail basis. [*Note: you may miss two weeks' written responses without penalty; each further missed response will result in a two mark deduction from the participation grade.]

Students who meet this requirement will receive a mark that reflects their contributions to seminar discussion – average contributions will receive marks that translate into the B range, excellent contributions will receive marks that translate into the A or A+ range. We expect that all students will contribute to every class, or at least will not fail to contribute to two classes in a row.

Week 1 (Jan. 9). Introduction to the course – no readings.

Week 2 (Jan. 16). **Utilitarianism:**

Peter Singer, *The Life You Can Save*, New York: Random House, 2009, Part 1, "The Argument" 3-41.

Brian Barry, "Humanity and Justice in Global Perspective", in his *Democracy, Power and Justice: Essays in Political Theory*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1984

Additional reading:

Judith Lichtenberg, "Famine, Affluence and Morality" in J. Schaler ed., *Peter Singer Under Fire*, Chicago: Open Court, 2009, 229-58.

See the chapters by McGinn in Dale Jamieson ed., *Singer and His Critics* (Malden MA: Blackwell, 1999) and by Richard Miller and Thomas Pogge in Deen Chatterjee ed., *The Ethics of Assistance* (Cambridge University Press, 2004).

Week 3. (Jan. 23). **Rawls (1):**

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, excerpts from Steven Cahn ed., *Political Philosophy: The Essential Texts*, 2011, 694-709

Charles Beitz, "Justice and International Relations", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 4 (4) 1975, 360-89.

Additional reading:

See next week's topic.

Week 4 (Jan. 30). **Rawls (2):**

John Rawls, "The Law of Peoples", in Stephen Shute and Susan Hurley eds., *On Human Rights*, New York: Basic Books, 1993.

Charles Beitz, "Rawls's Law of Peoples", *Ethics* 110 (2000), 669-96

Additional reading:

Martha Nussbaum, "Women and the Law of Peoples", *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* 1 (3) 2002, 283-306.

<http://journals2.scholarsportal.info.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/tmp/15824965345881193559.pdf>

David Reidy, "A Just Global Economy: In Defense of Rawls", *Journal of Ethics* 11 (2) 2007, 193-236.

<http://www.jstor.org.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/stable/20728503>

Samuel Freeman, *Rawls*, London: Routledge, 2007, chapter 10.

Week 5. (Feb. 6). **Nationalist and Cosmopolitan Ethics.**

David Miller, *On Nationality*, Oxford University Press, 1995 Ch. 3

Samuel Scheffler, *Boundaries and Allegiances*, Oxford University Press, 2001, ch. 7

Additional reading

Kok-Chor Tan, *Justice Without Borders*, Cambridge University Press, 2004, ch. 5

Daniel Weinstock, "Miller on Distributive Justice", in Daniel Bell and Avner de-Shalit eds., *Forms of Justice*, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.

Week 6. (Feb. 20). **Compatriot Preference.**

Peter Singer, *One World*, New Haven, Yale University Press, 2002, chapter 5.

David Miller, "Reasonable Partiality Towards Compatriots", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 8 (2005) 63-81

Additional reading:

Veit Bader, "Reasonable Impartiality and Priority for Compatriots", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, vol. 8 (2005) 83-103

<http://journals1.scholarsportal.info.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/tmp/17531760785911688629.pdf>

Gillian Brock, "What do we owe others as a matter of global justice and does national membership matter?," *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 11 (2008) 433-48.

http://journals2.scholarsportal.info.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/show_html.xqy?uri=/13698230/v11i0004/433_wdwoajadnmm.xml&school=western

Seth Lazar, "A Liberal Defence of (Some) Duties to Compatriots", *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 27 (2010), 246-57.

<http://journals1.scholarsportal.info.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/tmp/9596225935895169624.pdf>

Week 7 (Feb. 27). **The state and the global economy:**

Thomas Nagel, "The problem of global justice", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 33 (2) 2005, 113-47.

Laura Valentini "Coercion and Global Justice", *American Political Science Review* 105 (1), 2011, 205-220.

Additional reading:

Joshua Cohen and Charles Sabel, "Extra rempublicam nulla justitia?" *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 34 (2) 2006, 147-75.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/store/10.1111/j.1088-4963.2006.00060.x/asset/j.1088-4963.2006.00060.x.pdf?v=1&t=h4mx05nf&s=36704949327ab0ecf5c9dee6f0e7f53549f8c449>

Michael Blake, "Distributive justice, state coercion and autonomy", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 30 (3), 2001, 257-96.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/store/10.1111/j.1088-4963.2001.00257.x/asset/j.1088-4963.2001.00257.x.pdf?v=1&t=h4mx2xct&s=2d166970e292c6507a3ceb2d186af532fd45ee18>

Simon Caney, "Global distributive justice and the state", *Political Studies* 56, 2008, 487-518.

<http://journals2.scholarsportal.info.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/tmp/1145263395293863615.pdf>

Week 8 (March 6). **Exploitation.**

Matt Zwolinski, "Sweatshops, Choice and Exploitation", *Business Ethics Quarterly* 17 (4), 2007, 689-727.

Jeremy Snyder, "Needs Exploitation", *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 11 (2008), 389-405

Additional reading:

Ruth J. Sample, *Exploitation*, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003, ch. 5

Alan Wertheimer, *Exploitation*, Princeton University Press, 1996, ch. 7

Richard Miller, *Globalizing Justice*, Oxford University Press, 2010, ch. 3.

Robert Goodin, *Reasons for Welfare*, Princeton University Press, 1988, ch. 5

Week 9 (March 13). **Reparations for Colonialism.**

Lea Ypi, "What's Wrong With Colonialism?" *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 41 (2), 2013, 158-91.

Cathy Lu, "Colonialism as Structural Injustice: Historical Responsibility and Contemporary Redress", *Journal of Political Philosophy* 19 (2011), 261-81

Additional reading:

Jeremy Waldron, "Superseding historic injustice", *Ethics* 103 (1992), 4-28.

Kok-Chor Tan, "Colonialism, Reparations and Global Justice", in Jon Miller and Rahul Kumar eds., *Reparations*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

Rhoda Howard-Hassman ed., *Reparations to Africa*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008, ch. 3

Week 10 (March 20). **Transnational Democracy.**

Thomas Pogge, *World Poverty and Human Rights*, Cambridge: Polity, 2002, ch. 7

Sarah Fine, "Democracy, Citizenship and the Bits in Between", *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 14 (2011), 623-40.

Additional reading:

Andrew Linklater, "Cosmopolitan Citizenship", and David Miller, "Bounded Citizenship", both in Kimberly Hutchings and Roland Dannreuther eds, *Cosmopolitan Citizenship*, Houndmills: Macmillan, 1999.

Simon Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005, ch. 5.

Onora O'Neill, "Justice and Boundaries", in Chris Brown ed., *Political Restructuring in Europe*, London: Routledge, 1994, 69-88.

Week 11 (March 27). **Immigration Policy.**

David Miller, "Immigration: the case for limits", in Andrew Cohen and Christopher Wellman eds, *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, Malden MA: Blackwell, 2005.

Ryan Pevnick, ""Social Trust and the Ethics of Immigration Policy", *Journal of Political Philosophy* 17 (2): 2009, 146-67

Additional reading:

Chandran Kukathas, "The case for open immigration" in Andrew Cohen and Christopher Wellman eds, *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, Malden MA: Blackwell, 2005.

