

Theories of Global Justice Politics, Politics 4206g/9762b/Philosophy 9121b
(2017-8 Winter Term)

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A seminar on some of the main theories of/issues in global justice in recent political thought. Part I (7 weeks) concerns distributive justice, introducing cosmopolitan and nationalist perspectives. Parts II and III (2 weeks each) concern retributive and reparative justice respectively.

Assignments:

1. 4206g: an essay, 12-15 pages, due April 11, worth 70%. Late penalty 2% per day. The essay should be on one of the week's topics, drawing on the readings for that week plus one other source to be discussed with the instructor. 9762b/9121b: same, but the essay should be 15-20 pages in length and should discuss two other sources to be discussed with the instructor.
2. 4206g/9762b/9121b: a weekly one-page (single-spaced) report summarizing what you take to be important in the set readings, to be handed in at the seminar. There is no mark for this assignment, which is simply intended as seminar preparation, but students who fail to hand in at least 8 reports on time during the term will not be eligible to receive a participation mark.
3. Participation mark, 30%. This is a seminar course and it works only if everyone does their best to contribute to discussion. The general expectation is that no student will let two weeks go by without making a contribution. Feel free to introduce questions about aspects of the readings that puzzle (or annoy) you.

All readings are posted on OWL. The file number is listed after the topic (e.g. global1 etc.

Jan. 11: Intro to the course

Part I: Distributive Justice

Jan 18: The beginnings of the debate, utilitarian and contractualist (global1)

Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality" *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 1972
Charles Beitz, "Justice and International Relations" *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 1975

Jan 25: Two critics of Peter Singer (global2).
Garret Cullity, *The Moral Demands of Affluence*, OUP 2004, chapter 8
Scott Wisor, "Against Shallow Ponds" *Journal of Global Ethics* 2011

Feb 1: Global egalitarianism – pro and con (global3)
Kok-Chor Tan, *Justice Without Borders*, CUP 2004, chapter 2
David Miller, "Against Global Egalitarianism" *Journal of Ethics* 2005

Feb 8: Is there a case for nationalism? (global4)
David Miller, *On Nationality*, OUP 1995, chapter 3
Robert Goodin, "What is so Special about Our Fellow-Countrymen?" *Ethics* 1988

Feb 15: May we favour our compatriots? (global5)
David Miller, "Reasonable Partiality Towards Compatriots," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 2005
Peter Singer, *One World*, Yale UP 2002, chapter 5.

March 1: Immigration policy as a test case for theories of global justice (global6)
Michael Heumer, "Is There a Right to Immigrate?" *Social Theory and Practice* 2010.
David Miller, "Immigration: The Case for Limits," in A. Cohen and C. Wellman eds. *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* 2005

March 8: What is exploitation? (global7)
Matt Zwolinski, "Sweatshops, Choice and Exploitation" *Business Ethics Quarterly* 2007
Nien-He Hsieh, "Does Global Business Have a Responsibility to Promote Just Institutions?" *Business Ethics Quarterly* 2009

Part II: Retributive Justice

March 15: Crime against humanity (global8)
Richard Vernon, "What Is Crime Against Humanity?" *Journal of Political Philosophy* 2002
Norman Geras, *Crimes Against Humanity*, Manchester UP 2011, chapter 2

March 22: Is collective punishment possible? (global9)
Avia Pasternak, "The Distributive Effect of Collective Punishment" in T. Isaacs and R. Vernon eds., *Accountability for Collective Wrongdoing*, CUP 2011
Erin Kelly, "The Burdens of Collective Liability," in D. Chatterjee and D. Scheid eds., *Ethics and Foreign Intervention*, CUP 2003

Part III: Reparative Justice

March 29: Reparations for colonialism (global10)
Lea Ypi, "What's Wrong with Colonialism?" *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 2013
Cathy Lu, "Colonialism as Structural Injustice," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 2011

April 5: The idea of climate “debt” (global11)

Jonathan Pickering and Christian Barry, “On the Concept of Climate Debt,” *Critical Review of International Social & Political Philosophy* 2002.

Simon Caney, “Cosmopolitan Justice, Responsibility, and Global Climate Change,” *Leiden Journal of International Law* 2005