

## **Politics 4206a/9762a, Philosophy 9121a: Theories of Global Justice 2018-9.**

Thursday 11.30-1.30, SSC 4112.

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A seminar on some of the main theories of/issues in global justice in recent political theory. Part I introduces the two main theoretical perspectives, cosmopolitan and nationalist. and discusses global distributive justice (i.e. issues of wealth, poverty, inequality). Parts II and III look briefly at issues of retributive and reparative justice (i.e. punishment and compensation).

### **Assignments:**

1. 4206a: An essay, 12/15 pages, due on April 6, worth 70%. Late penalty 2% per day. Normally the essay will be on one of the week's topics, drawing on the set readings plus the supplementary reading for that week. 9762a/9121a: as above, but the essay should be 15-20 pages.

2. A weekly one-page (single-spaced) report summarizing what you take to be important in the two set readings, to be handed in at the seminar. There is no mark for this assignment, but students who fail to submit at least 8 reports during the term will not be eligible for a participation mark. The report is simply intended to ensure that members of the group are in a position to exchange views about the readings. 9726a/9121a: as above, but the weekly report is to be 1.5 pages (single-spaced) and must cover the supplementary reading for the week in addition.

3. Participation mark: 30%. This is a seminar course and it works only if everyone does their best to contribute to discussion. The expectation is that no student will let more than two weeks go by without making a contribution. Feel free to introduce questions about aspects of the readings that puzzle you, disappoint or annoy you – this is in fact a very important contribution from which the whole group benefits.

Required readings are posted on OWL, files titled "GJ" + the week's number. Supplementary readings are posted under the author's surname.

Sept 6– Introduction to the course

### **Part I: Nationalist and Cosmopolitan Views.**

Sept 13: The beginnings: utilitarian (1)

Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 1 (1972), 229-43.

Scott Wisor, "Against Shallow Ponds," *Journal of Global Ethics* 7 (2011) 19-32

*Supplementary:*

Garret Cullity, *The Moral Demands of Affluence*, Oxford University Press, 2004, chapter 8

September 20: The beginnings: contractualist (2)

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, selection in 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. pages 360-73 only

Margaret Moore, "Natural Resources, Territorial Right, and Global Distributive Justice," *Political Theory* 40 (2012), 84-107.

*No supplementary reading.*

Sept 27: The beginnings (2 - continued)

Beitz, "Justice...", page 373 to end

Thomas Nagel, "The Problem of Global Justice", *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 33 (2) 2005, 113-47.

*Supplementary:*

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

Oct 4: Cosmopolitan and nationalist views: foundations.

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

Robert Goodin, "What is So Special About Our Fellow-Countrymen?" *Ethics* 98, 1988, 663-86.

*Supplementary:*

Kok-Chor Tan, *Justice Without Borders*, Cambridge University Press 2004, ch. 3

Oct 18: Compatriot Preference:

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

Peter Singer, "Outsiders," in Deen Chatterjee ed., *Ethics and Foreign Assistance*, Cambridge University Press 2004.

*Supplementary:* 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.):

Oct 25: Border coercion?

Arash Abizadeh, "Democratic Theory and Border Coercion: No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders," *Political Theory* 36, (2008), 37-65

David Miller, "Why Border Controls Are Not Coercive", *Political Theory* 38 (2010), 111.120.

Arash Abizadeh, "Democratic Legitimacy and State Coercion: A Reply to David Miller," *Political Theory* 38 (2010) 121-30.

*No Supplementary reading*

Nov 1: Transnational Democracy.

Mathias Koenig-Archibugi, "Fuzzy Citizenship in Global Society," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 20 (2012), 456-80

David Miller, "Bounded Citizenship," in K. Hutchings and R. Dannreuther eds, *Cosmopolitan Citizenship*, London: Macmillan, 1999.

*Supplementary:*

Daniel Weinstock, "Prospects for Transnational Citizenship and Democracy," *Ethics & International Affairs* 15 (2001), 53-66.

Nov 8: What is Exploitation ?

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

Ruth J. Sample, *Exploitation*, Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003, ch. 1

*Supplementary:* Robert Goodin, *Reasons for Welfare*, Princeton University Press, 1988, chapter 5

## **Part II: Retributive Justice.**

Nov 15: The Nuremberg Legacy: "Crime Against Humanity";

Norman Geras, *Crime Against Humanity*, Manchester University Press 2011, ch. 2.

Richard Vernon, "What is Crime Against Humanity?" *Journal of Political Philosophy* 10 (2002), 231-49.

*Supplementary:* David Luban, "A Theory of Crimes Against Humanity", *Yale Journal of International Law* 29 (2004), 86-146 only.

Nov 22: Is Collective Punishment Possible?

Erin Kelly, "The Burdens of Collective Liability", in D.K. Chatterjee and D.Scheid eds., *Ethics and Foreign Intervention*, Cambridge University Press 2003.

Avia Pasternak, "The Distributive Effect of Collective Punishment", in T. Isaacs and R. Vernon eds., *Accountability for Collective Wrongdoing*, Cambridge University Press 2011.

*Supplementary:*

Toni Erskine, "Kicking Bodies and Damning Souls," *Ethics & International Affairs* 24 (2010), 261-85.

### **Part III: Reparative Justice .**

Nov 29: Reparations for Colonialism:

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

Lea Ypi, "What's Wrong with Colonialism", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 41 (3013) 158-91.

*Supplementary:* Jeremy Waldron, "Superseding Historic Injustice", *Ethics* 103 (1992), 4-28.

Dec 6; The idea of "climate debt".

Jonathan Pickering and Christian Barry, "On the Concept of Climate Debt", *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 15 (2102), 667-85

Simon Caney, "Cosmopolitan Justice, Responsibility, and Global Climate Change", *Leiden Journal of International Law* 18 (2005), 747-75.

*Supplementary:*

Henry Shue, "Subsistence Emissions and Luxury Emissions," *Law and Policy* 15 (1993), 39-59.

Dec 7: Essays due. There will be additional office hours during the preceding week.