Readings


Justice across Nations

1/31  Rawls, *Law of Peoples*, Pt. 1, secs. 3-4, 6

2/5   Singer, “Famine, Affluence and Morality”
2/12  Tan, “Rawls’s Law of Peoples”
2/14  Pogge, *World Poverty and Human Rights*, General Introduction
2/19  Pogge, “Moral Universalism and Global Economic Justice”
2/21  no class (Monday schedule)
2/22  **First paper due** (6-7 pages)
2/26  Tan, “Rights, Harms, and Institutions”
2/28  Kelly and McPherson, “Non-Egalitarian Global Fairness”

3/5   Cohen, “Philosophy, Social Science, Global Poverty”

Human Rights

3/12  Shue, *Basic Rights*, Afterword
3/14  Cohen, “Is There a Human Right to Democracy?”
3/28  Kelly, “Human Rights as Foreign Policy Imperatives”
3/29  **Second paper due** (6-7 pages)
4/2  Nussbaum, “Women and Theories of Global Justice”
4/4  Okin, “Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?”
     Kymlicka, “Liberal Complacencies”

Political Violence

4/11 Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, Chs. 8-9
4/23 McPherson, “Is Terrorism Distinctively Wrong?”

5/7  Final paper due (9-10 pages)

Course Requirements

Participation and attendance  10%
First paper (6-7 pages)  25%
Second paper (6-7 pages)  25%
Final paper (9-10 pages)  40%

Learning Objectives

1) How to produce a cogent argument and how to express it with maximum perspicuity, both in writing and orally.

2) How to identify the substance and structure of an argument and evaluate it for soundness and validity.

3) How to anticipate and even welcome objections to one's views, how to apply the principle of charity to others' opinions, and how to address objections and competing views effectively and respectfully in one's writing.

Course Policies

Late papers will be marked down if the lateness is unexcused.

Incompletes will only be granted under special circumstances and provided that you speak with the professor before the semester ends.