

Philosophy 171 -- Global Justice

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Questions of global justice play a central role in contemporary political philosophy, reflecting the increasing political and economic interconnectedness of recent decades. Questions that arise in this debate include: Does it make sense to speak of 'justice' in the global context? If it does, do we have to think differently about justice at the global level than at the domestic level? Does the global order harm the poor? Do we have special obligations to compatriots? What obligations do we have to the distant needy? Does morality demand that rich countries allow for more immigration? What is the role of human rights? Why would people have them? This course will use the political philosophy of John Rawls as its starting point. Rawls' *Theory of Justice*, published in 1971, revitalized political philosophy. His own extension of his theory in the 1999 *Law of Peoples*, however, has provoked much criticism. Exploring the debate surrounding Rawls' accounts of domestic and global justice allows us to address a good number of the questions that have been central to recent reflection on global justice, including questions such as those just mentioned.

Requirements

One previous class in philosophy is recommended but not required. There will be a paper due on February 26 (6-8 pages), a second paper due on April 9 (6-8 pages), and a third paper due May 9 (8-10 pages). A list of possible topics will be provided for each paper. The first paper will count for 15%, the second for 20%, and the third for 30% of the grade (based on the assumption that students will actually learn something about writing philosophy papers in the course of this semester), and attendance/participation in section will count for 10% of the grade. The final exam will count for 25% of the grade.

Required Reading

Available for purchase at the Coop:

John Rawls. 2001. *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement*. Ed. by Erin Kelly. Cambridge: Harvard University Press

John Rawls. 1999. *The Law of Peoples*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press

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

There is also going to be a source book, as well as a second, optional source book of recommended readings. Students who want copies of the readings for Philosophy 171 can go to Gnomon Copy at 1304 Mass Avenue and order one or both source books. The telephone number is 617-491-1111. It is probably best to make an order by phone and inquire when it will be ready, as the copy shop will store the master copies and will make reading packs only upon individual request.

Finally, readings that are available electronically will be posted on the course page. Although the links are provided on the syllabus as well, most will work only from the course page itself.

Schedule

Lecture 1: Thursday, January 29

Introduction: Political Philosophy and Global Justice

Reading: Debra Satz, “International Economic Justice.” In Hugh LaFollette (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics* (2003), pp 620-643 [**source book**]

Hedley Bull, Chapters 1 and 2 of *The Anarchical Society* (1977) [**source book**]

Recommended: Charles Beitz, “International Liberalism and Distributive Justice: A Survey of Recent Thought.” *World Politics* 51 (1999), pp. 269–96 [**posted**]
http://muse.jhu.edu.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/journals/world_politics/v051/51.2er_beitz.html

Immanuel Kant, “Perpetual Peace.” In H. Reiss (ed.), *Kant: Political Writings*, pp 93-115 [**in recommended source book**]

An Approach to Domestic Justice: John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*

Lecture 2: Tuesday, February 3

Reading: Rawls, *Restatement*, Part I [book]

Rawls, excerpts from “The Basic Structure as Subject,” in Rawls, *Political Liberalism* (1993), pp 257-271 [source book]

Recommended: Rawls, *Theory of Justice* (1999), Chapter 1 [in recommended source book]

Lecture 3: Thursday, February 5

Reading: Rawls, *Restatement*, Part II [book]

Recommended: T. M. Scanlon, “Rawls on Justification.” In Samuel Freeman (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls* (2003), pp 139-168 [in recommended source book]

Lecture 4: Tuesday, February 10

Reading: Rawls, *Restatement*, Part III [book]

Recommended: Thomas Nagel, “Rawls and Liberalism.” In Samuel Freeman (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Rawls* (2003), pp 62-86 [in recommended source book]

Preliminary Worries about Global Justice: Relativism and Realism

Lecture 5: Thursday, February 12

Reading: Simon Caney, “Universalism,” Chapter 2 of *Justice Beyond Borders* [book]

Recommended: T.M. Scanlon, “Human Rights as a Neutral Concern, chapter 6 of Scanlon, *The Difficulty of Tolerance* (2003) [in recommended source book]

Bernard Williams, “Human Rights and Relativism,” chapter 6 in Williams, *In the Beginning Was the Deed* (2005) [in recommended source book]

Bernard Williams, “The Truth in Relativism,” chapter 11 in *Moral Luck* (1981) [in recommended source book]

Lecture 6: Tuesday, February 17

Reading: John Mearsheimer, *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, Chapters 1 and 2 (2001) [source book]

Recommended: Steven Krasner, *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy* (1999), Chapter 1 [in recommended source book]

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars* (1977), Chapter 1 [in recommended source book]

Complementing Domestic Theory with Global Theory: Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*

Lecture 7: Thursday, February 19

Reading: Rawls, *Law of Peoples*, Part I [book]

Recommended: Leif Wenar, “Why Rawls is not a Cosmopolitan Egalitarian.” In Rex Martin and David Reidy (eds.), *Rawls’ Law of Peoples: A Realistic Utopia* (2006), pp 95-115 [in recommended source book]

First Paper Topics to be Handed out Today (Feb. 19)

Lecture 8: Tuesday, February 24

Reading: Rawls, *Law of Peoples*, Part II [book]

Recommended: Kok-Chor Tan, “The Problem of Decent Peoples.” In Rex Martin and David Reidy (eds.), *Rawls’ Law of Peoples: A Realistic Utopia* (2006), pp 76-94 [in recommended source book]

Lecture 9: Thursday, February 26

Reading: Rawls, *Law of Peoples*, Parts III and IV [book]

Recommended: Samuel Freeman, “The Law of Peoples, Social Cooperation, Human Rights, and Distributive Justice.” In Freeman, *Justice and the Social Contract* (2007), pp 259-297 [in recommended source book]

First Papers Due Today (Feb. 26)

The Globalists I: Is the Global Order a Basic Structure? (Beitz)

Lecture 10: Tuesday, March 3

Reading: Charles Beitz, *Political Theory and International Relations* (1999), pp 125-161 [source book]

Lecture 11: Thursday March 5

Reading: Charles Beitz, (2005), "Cosmopolitanism and Global Justice," *Journal of Ethics* 9: 11-27. [posted]

<http://ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=16177119&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Charles Beitz (2000), "Rawls's Law of Peoples," *Ethics* 110: pp 669–696 [posted]

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Recommended: Alan. Buchanan, "Rawls's Law of Peoples: Rules for a Vanished Westphalian World", *Ethics* (2000), pp 697-721 [posted]

<http://ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=3618128&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

The Globalists II: Does the Global Order Harm the Poor? (Pogge)

Lecture 12: Tuesday, March 10

Reading: Thomas Pogge, "An Egalitarian Law of Peoples," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 23 (1994): 195-224. [posted]

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2265183>

Thomas Pogge, Chapter 4 of *World Poverty and Human Rights* (2002) [source book]

Recommended: Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time* (2005): pp 288-308 [in recommended source book]

Lecture 13: Thursday, March 12

Reading: Thomas Pogge (1992), "Cosmopolitanism and Sovereignty," *Ethics* (103): 48-75. [posted]

<http://ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=940111599&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Thomas Pogge, Chapter 8 of *World Poverty and Human Rights* (2002) [**source book**]

Recommended: Paul Collier, *The Bottom Billion* (2007), Chapters 1 and 11 [**in recommended source book**]

Lecture 14: Tuesday, March 17

Reading: Mathias Risse, "How Does the Global Order Harm the Poor?," *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 33 (2005), No. 4: pp 349-376. [**posted**]
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/fulltext/118691050/PDFSTART>

Mathias Risse, "Do We Owe the Poor Assistance or Rectification?," *Ethics and International Affairs*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (2005), pp 9-18 [**posted**]
<http://ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=16710284&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Exploring Globalism

Lecture 15: Thursday, March 19

Reading: David Miller, chapter 4 of *On Nationality* (1995) [**source book**]

Recommended: Martha Nussbaum, "Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism." In Joshua Cohen (ed.), *For Love of Country* (1996), pp 3-17 [**in recommended source book**]

Robert E. Goodin, "What is So Special about Our Fellow. Countrymen?," *Ethics*, 98 (1988), pp. 663-86 [**posted**]
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2380890>

Lecture 16: Tuesday, March 31

Reading: Jürgen Habermas, "The European Nation State: On the Past and Future of the European Nation State," chp 4 in Habermas, *The Inclusion of the Other* (1998) [**source book**]

Habermas, “On the Relation between the Nation, and Rule of Law, and Democracy.” Chp 5 in Habermas, *The Inclusion of the Other* (1998) [**source book**]

Recommended: Isaiah Berlin, “Nationalism.” In *Against the Current: Essays in the History of Ideas* (1981) [**in recommended source book**]

The Non-Relationists I: Should We Make the World as Good as We Can? (Singer)

Lecture 17: Thursday, April 2

Reading: Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics* (1999), pp 1-44 [**source book**]

Peter Singer, “Famine, Affluence, and Morality,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 1 (1972), pp 229-243 [**posted**]

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2265052>

Recommended: Peter Singer, Chapter 5 of *One World* (2002) [**in recommended source book**]

Second Paper Topics to be Handed out Today (April 2)

Lecture 18: Tuesday, April 7

Reading: William Shaw, *Contemporary Ethics: Taking Account of Utilitarianism* (1999), Chapter 6 and 7 [**source book**]

Lecture 19: Thursday, April 9 (Additional class on Singer on Climate Change)

Reading: Peter Singer, Chapter 2 of *One World* (2002) [**source book**]

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

http://journals.cambridge.org.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/download.php?file=%2FLJL%2FLJL18_04%2FS0922156505002992a.pdf&code=193235444cbfb16c215d621ee092fd38

Recommended: Joseph Aldy, Scott Barrett, and Robert Stavins “Thirteen Plus One: A Comparison of Global Climate Policy Architectures.” *Climate Policy*, 2003, pp 373-397 [**posted**]

http://ksghome.harvard.edu/~rstavins/Papers/Thirteen_Plus_One_Article.pdf

Second Paper Due Today (April 9)

The Non-Relationists II: Are there any Relevant Moral Difference Among People? (Caney)

Lecture 20: Tuesday, April 14

Reading: Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders*, Chapter 3 [book]

Recommended: David Miller (2007), Chapter 7 of *National Responsibility and Global Justice* [in recommended source book]

Joshua Cohen, “Is There a Human Right to Democracy?” in *The Egalitarian Conscience*, ed. Christine Sypnowich (2006). [in recommended source book]

Lecture 21: Thursday, April 16

Reading: Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders*, Chapter 4 [book]

Recommended: Thomas Nagel, “The Problem of Global Justice,” *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 33 (2005): 113-47 [posted]
<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com.ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/fulltext/118691039/PDFSTART>

Lecture 22: Tuesday, April 21

Reading: Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders*, Chapter 5 [book]

Special Topic: Immigration

Lecture 23: Thursday, April 23

Reading: David Miller, Chapter 8 of *National Responsibility and Global Justice* [source book]

Chandran Kukathas, “The Case for Open Immigration.” Chapter 14 in Andrew Cohen and Christopher Wellman (2005), *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* [source book]

Recommended: Joseph Carens. 1987. “Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders,” *Review of Politics* 49, pp 251-73 [posted]
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/1407506>

Michael Blake. 2001. "Immigration," in R. G. Frey and Christopher Wellman (eds.), *A Companion to Applied Ethics*. London: Blackwell [**in recommended source book**]

Lecture 24: Tuesday, April 28

Reading: Joseph Carens. 2003. "Who Should Get In? The Ethics of Immigration Decisions," *Ethics and International Affairs*, v. 17, pp 95-110 [**posted**]

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Michael Blake and Mathias Risse, "Migration, Territoriality, and Culture"," in *New Waves in Applied Ethics*, ed. Jesper Ryberg, Thomas Petersen, and Clark Wolf, Ashgate Publishers: pp 153-182 [**source book**]

Recommended: Mathias Risse. 2008. "On the Morality of Immigration," *Ethics and International Affairs* 22 (1): pp 25-33 [**posted**]

<http://ezp-prod1.hul.harvard.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=31601021&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Final Paper Topics to be Handed out Today (April 28)

Lecture 25: Thursday, April 30

Conclusion

Final Papers Due May 9

Final Exam to be Arranged