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POLI 111B / USP 154 Global Justice: Theory and Practice Winter 2014

This is a topics-based seminar in international political theory. We will explore normative questions about various global problems and the global order. We will begin by asking what it means to conceive of justice beyond borders and then consider what values, if any, ought to govern the practice of global politics in war and peace. What do we owe the global poor? Is drone warfare morally permissible? And how should we distribute the burdens of climate change? Other topics include human rights, fair trade, gender injustice, the (im)permissibility of torture, and warfare in an age of terrorism.

POLI 110G International Political Thought (Spring 2014) is a complementary course on the theoretical debates about the grounds of global justice.

Assessment:

- 10-page mid-term paper due by 11.59pm on Friday, February 7 (35%)

- 10-page final paper due by 11.59pm on Monday, March 17 (35%)

Your papers should take a critical stance. You are not expected to conduct original research, but you must develop your own argument and defend it throughout the paper. Please use double spacing and Times New Roman 12-point font. Topics and more detailed instructions will be distributed a few weeks in advance. Unexcused late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day.

- 10-minute presentation (15%)

In your presentation, focus on two or three concerns you have with the reading, or raise a few questions. Do not summarize the reading.

- Participation (15%)

This is an upper-level seminar, and it is important that you contribute to the discussion. Attendance and discussions during office hours also count towards your participation grade.

Readings:

Selected readings from Thom Brooks, Ed., *The Global Justice Reader*. Blackwell Publishing: 2008 (GJR)

These and other readings will be posted on the TED website.

Course Schedule:

January 6:

Introduction

Justice Beyond Borders?

January 8:

Thomas Pogge, "What is Global Justice?", Morning Lecture, Global Justice Symposium, <http://www.etikk.no/globaljustice/>. Oslo, Norway, 1 October 2003.

January 10:

Chandran Kukathas, "The Mirage of Global Justice", *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 23(1), 1-28, 2006.

Human Rights and Torture

January 13:

Charles Beitz, "Human Rights as a Common Concern", *American Political Science Review*, 95(2), 269-82, 2001. (GJR)

January 15-17:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations, 1948.

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/> (GJR)

- David Sussman, "What's Wrong with Torture?", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 33(1), 1-33, 2005. (GJR)

January 20:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 22:

Henry Shue, "Torture in Dreamland: Disposing of the Ticking Bomb", *Case Western Journal of International Law*, 37:231, 2006.

Just War

January 24:

Michael Walzer, "Anticipations", in *Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*, 3rd ed., 2000. Pp. 74-85. (GJR)

January 27:

Jeff McMahan, "Just Cause for War", *Ethics and International Affairs*, 19(3), 55-75, 2005. (GJR)

Terrorism

January 29:

Michael Walzer, "Noncombatant Immunity and Military Necessity", in *Just and Unjust War: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations*, 3rd ed., 2000. Pp. 138-59. (GJR)

January 31:

David Rodin, "Terrorism without Intention", *Ethics*, 114, 752-71, 2004. (GJR)

February 3:

Saul Smilansky, "Terrorism, Justification, and Illusion", *Ethics*, 114, 790-805, 2004. (GJR)

Drones

February 5:

Aaron Johnston & Sidney Axinn, "The Morality of Autonomous Robots", *Journal of Military Ethics*, 12(2), 129-41, 2013.

February 7:

David Whetham, "Killer Drones: Moral Ups and Downs", *The RUSI Journal*, 158(3), 22-32, 2013.

Mid-Term Paper Due

Global Poverty

February 10:

Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality", *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 1(3), 229-43, 1972. (GJR)

February 12:

Leif Wenar, "What We Owe to Distant Others", *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 2, 283-304, 2003. (GJR)

February 14:

Thomas Pogge, "Eradicating Systemic Poverty: Brief for a Global Resources Dividend", *Journal of Human Development*, 2(1), 59-77, 2001. (GJR)

February 17:

President's Day Holiday

February 19:

Lisa Fuller, "Poverty Relief, Global Institutions, and the Problem of Compliance", *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2(3), 285-97, 2005. (GJR)

Fair Trade

February 21:

Malgorzata Kurjanska & Matthias Risse, "Fairness in Trade II: Export Subsidies and the Fair Trade Movement", *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 7(1), 29-56, 2008.

February 24:

Nicole Hassoun, "Free Trade, Poverty and Inequality", *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 8, 5-44, 2011.

February 26:

Class Cancelled

Gender and Global Justice

February 28:

Susan Moller Okin, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?", in *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?*, ed. J. Cohen, M. Howard and M.C. Nussbaum. Princeton University Press. 1999. Pp. 9-24. (GJR)

March 3:

Martha Nussbaum, "The Role of Religion", in *Women and Human Development: The Capabilities Approach*. Cambridge University Press. 2000. Pp. 167-212. (GJR)

March 5:

Carol Gould, "Conceptualizing Women's Human Rights", in *Globalizing Democracy and Human Rights*. Cambridge University Press. 2004. Pp. 139-55. (GJR)

Environmental Justice

March 7:

Peter Singer, "One Atmosphere", in *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, 2nd ed. Yale University Press. 2007. Pp. 14-50. (GJR)

March 10:

Simon Caney, "Cosmopolitan Justice, Responsibility, and Global Climate Change", *Leiden Journal of International Law*, 18, 747-72, 2005. (GJR)

March 12:

Darrell Moellendorf, "Justice and the Assignment of the Intergenerational Costs of Climate Change", *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 40(2), 204-24, 2009.

March 14: Wrap-up / Review

March 17: Final Paper Due