

Philosophy 395: Global Justice
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In this course we will consider a number of issues related to the moral foundations of international law. We will discuss the meaning of global justice, and related issues of state sovereignty and human rights. Do the world's wealthy have an obligation to ensure that the world's poor achieve an acceptable quality of life? Under what conditions is humanitarian intervention justified? Should human rights include a right to democracy? Most world governments are considered legitimate world actors; do substate groups have a right of membership in the world community? Do "just war" justifications apply to terrorists trying to advance self-determination claims of their sub-state groups? We will read contemporary works in political philosophy and philosophy of international law to find answers to these questions. Prerequisites: previous work in philosophy, political theory or permission of the instructor.

Course Requirements:	-presentation 1:	5%
	-presentation paper (6-8 pages):	30%
	-presentation 2 (research paper proposal):	10%
	-research paper (12-15 pages):	40%
	-class participation/attendance:	15%

The deadline for a presentation paper is **one week after your presentation**, the research paper is due **by 5 pm on the last day of exams (March 15)**.

Your participation grade is going to be calculated as follows. You will be evaluated on fifteen out of eighteen meetings, each of which will be worth 1% of your participation grade. Half of this grade will be based on your discussion questions (one or two questions will need to be either handed in at the beginning of the class period or posted on Caucus), and another half will be based on your attendance and participation in class discussion.

Your presentation 1 grade has two components: presentation (2.5%); initiating and leading the discussion which follows the presentation (2.5%). Your presentation should be related to the reading assigned for the day of your presentation, but does not have to be based entirely on it. You may draw on materials from outside of the course readings, so long as they relate to the main themes in these readings. The presentation should be 10 minutes long with a subsequent 10-15 minutes discussion period. Your presentation 2 grade consists of 3% for presenting your research topic, 2% for answering questions and 5% for a two-page outline of your research paper.

Disability Accommodations:

Please talk with me immediately if you require accommodations for any disability. We will make whatever arrangements are necessary.

Readings:

We will be using several books which are available at the bookstore as well as several readings that will be available on e-reserve at the library or handed out in class. Readings from “optional” books will be on e-reserve. Please note that the reading schedule is tentative and will be adjusted according to the class interests and needs. I will notify you about changes, but it is your responsibility to check every week for updates on COURSES, where the syllabus will be posted, to assure that you have all necessary information about readings assigned for the week.

1. *The Ethics of Assistance: Morality and the Distant Needy* {EA}
Edited by Deen K. Chatterjee, Cambridge University Press (2004)
2. Walzer, Michael, *Just and Unjust Wars*, third edition, Basic Books (2000).
3. *International Society: Diverse Ethical Perspectives* {IS}
Edited by Davis R. Mapel and Terry Nardin, Princeton University Press (1998)

Optional:

4. Rawls, John, *The Law of Peoples*, Harvard University Press (2001).
5. *States, Nations and Borders: The Ethics of Making Boundaries* {SNB}
Edited by Allen Buchanan and Margaret Moore, Cambridge University Press (2003).
7. *Terrorism and International Justice*
Edited by James P. Sterba, Oxford University Press (2003).
8. *Ethics in International Affairs*, ed. Valls, Andrew, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. (2000).
9. *Ethics and Foreign Intervention*. Edited by Deen K. Chatterjee and Don E. Scheid, Cambridge University Press, 2003. {EFI}

Schedule of readings (tentative):

[The readings in square brackets are optional; this also means that you will most likely do such a reading if you are presenting that day, or if you are going to do your research project on the topic]

The Ethics of Assistance

January 10

Peter Singer, “Outsiders: our obligations to those beyond our borders” {EA}
Judith Lichtenberg, “Absence and the unfond heart: why people are less giving than they might be.” {EA}
[Richard Arneson, “Moral limits on the demands of beneficence?” {EA}]

January 12

Richard W. Miller, “Moral closeness and world community” {EA}
David Miller, “National responsibility and international justice.” {EA}

January 17

John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples* (excerpts)
Martha Nussbaum, “Women and theories of global justice: our need for new paradigms.” {EA}

January 19

Charles R. Beitz, “Human rights and the law of peoples.” {EA}
Erin Kelly, “Human rights as foreign policy imperatives.” {EA}

January 24

Thomas W. Pogge, "Assisting" the global poor." {EA}
Mathias Risse, "How Does the Global Order Harm the Poor?" *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, vol. 33, no. 4, pp. 349-376, Fall 2005.

January 26

Henry Shue, "Thickening convergence: human rights and cultural diversity." {EA}
Onora O'Neill, "Global justice: whose obligations?" {EA}

Just and Unjust Wars, Terrorism and Humanitarian Intervention

January 31

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, Chapters 1-3 (pp. 3-47)
Nicholas Fotion, "Reactions to War: Pacifism, Realism, and Just War Theory", pp. 15-33 in *Ethics in International Affairs*.
[Anthony J. Coates, "Just War in the Persian Gulf?" pp. 33-48 in *Ethics in International Affairs*.]

February 2

Walzer, Ch. 4-5 (pp. 51-85)
UN Charter
Allen Buchanan and Robert Keohane, "The Preventive Use of Force: A cosmopolitan Institutional Proposal," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 18, 1-22. {on-line access}

February 7

Walzer, Ch. 6
Simon Caney, "Humanitarian Intervention and State Sovereignty", pp. 117-134 in *Ethics in International Affairs*.
J. L. Holzgrefe "The humanitarian intervention debate," *Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal, and Political Dilemmas*. Edited by Robert O. Keohane and J. L. Holzgrefe. Cambridge University Press (2003).

February 9

George R. Lucas, "From *jus ad bellum* to *jus ad pacem* re-thinking just-war criteria for the use of military force for humanitarian ends." {EFI}
Kok-Chor Tan, "Military Intervention as a Moral Duty," *Public Affairs Quarterly*, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 29-46, January 1995.

February 14

Walzer Ch. 8, 9, 16
Erin Kelly, "The burdens of collective liability." {EFI}
Christopher Kutz, "The Difference Uniforms Make: Collective Violence in Criminal Law and War," *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 148-180, Spring 2005.

February 16

Walzer, Ch. 10-12
[Khatchadourian, Haig. "The Morality of Terrorism", excerpts from the book {e-reserves}]

February 21

Shannon E. French “Murderers, not warriors: the moral distinction between terrorists and legitimate fighters in asymmetric conflicts,” *Terrorism and International Justice*.

Zayn Kassam, “Can a Muslim be a terrorist?” *Terrorism and International Justice*.

Diverse Ethical Perspectives

February 23

Antonio Gallo, “The Ethnic Plurality of Identities in the Education of the Globalized 21st Century”;

Roy Elveton, Introduction, in *Educating for Participatory Democracy: Paradoxes in Globalizing Logic*, Edited by Roy Elveton, Hampton press (2006).

February 28

Kant, Immanuel “Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch” (excerpts from pp. 93-130 in Kant *Political Writings* Cambridge University Press, 1991)

John Charvet, “International society from a contractarian perspective,” {Chapter 7, IS}

Chris Brown, “Contractarian thought in the constitution of international society.” {Chapter 8, IS}

March 2

Robert P. George, “Natural law and international order.” {Chapter 3, IS}

Richard B. Friedman, “Some thoughts on natural law and international order.” {Chapter 4, IS}

John Finnis, “Natural law and re-making of boundaries,” *States, Nations and Borders: The Ethics of Making Boundaries*.

March 7

Brian Barry, “International society from a cosmopolitan perspective.” {Chapter 9, IS}

David Miller, “The limits of cosmopolitan justice.” {Chapter 10, IS}

March 9

David Novak, “Jewish theology and international society.” {Chapter 11, IS}

Max L. Stackhouse, “Christianity and the prospects for a new global order” {Chapter 12, IS}

Sohail H. Hashmi, “Islamic ethics in international society.” {Chapter 13, IS}