

PHIL 471/673: International Justice

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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Increasingly, issues of international or global justice occupy a central place in the headlines. This will be a philosophically-intensive look at some of the most foundational issues in international justice, especially as viewed through the lenses of such authors as Immanuel Kant, John Rawls, Michael Walzer and Amartya Sen.

2. METHOD: The method by which this course will proceed is through lectures and readings, giving emphasis in class to critical discussion and thoughtful debate about these complex and important topics. Some student participation is required.

3. TEXT: All the readings required for this course (see below) have been put on 3-hour reserve at Dana Porter Library, or are otherwise available for purchase at your favourite online source or bookstore.

4. REQUIREMENTS: There are four requirements for this course: 1) attendance and participation, worth 10%; 2) written submission of presentation topic: 5%; 3) oral presentation, worth 35%; and 4) final paper, 50%.

5. COURSE SCHEDULE: (subject to minor revisions regarding content)

Since this is an advanced seminar, there will be no rigid, pre-set, week-by-week lecturing. In essence, we are going to be reading, and discussing in detail, five seminal works in international justice:

- I. Kant, *Perpetual Peace*
- J. Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*
- M. Walzer, *Thick and Thin*
- B. Orend, "War"
- A. Sen, *Development as Freedom*

You must read everything except for Sen. Sen is optional, and I will lecture about him, but in terms of keeping the reading reasonable, I limit it to the two short books by Rawls and Walzer, and the two essays by Kant and Orend. Please read them in the order listed above (i.e. Kant first, etc.).

The books by Kant, Walzer, Rawls and Sen are all on 3-hour reading reserve in Dana Porter. My essay is readable for free at the following web-site, <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/war/>, plus I will give you of mine another for free.

The main focus for our discussions will be:

- War and Peace*
- International Distributive Justice*

Human Rights
Global Governance
International Development
Nationalism vs. Cosmopolitanism

But other topics are completely welcome in terms of your own presentation and paper. And, in terms of that, I will need from you, by **the class of Oct. 7th**, a written submission as to what you will present on orally in class (which will happen sometimes towards **the middle of November.**) More on this in class, but the deadline is firm. The oral presentations will be expected to run for about 20 mins., and then to feature Q and A for another 20 mins. You will be given extensive feedback, which you can use to develop your final paper, which must be around 20 double-spaced pages (exc. Notes). The paper can be on the same topic as your presentation, or an entirely new one, depending on your interests as they develop throughout the course. The final paper will be due, in my mailbox in HH 365, **by noon on Wed., Dec. 10th**.

6. Required University Policy Declarations:

Note on avoidance of academic offences: All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offences, and to take responsibility for their actions. When the commission of an offence is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy #71 which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (section 1; on the Web at <http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/UW/policies.html>). If you need help in learning what constitutes an academic offence; how to avoid offences such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission; how to follow appropriate rules with respect to “group work” and collaboration; or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your TA and/or your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean.

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