PHIL 201A: Core History; Winter 2019
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Seminar Topic: Individual, Community, and the Common Good

Syllabus

Here are the topics and readings for the seminar. Required readings are preceded by '(A)'. Do the required readings in the order in which they are listed. The required readings can be found either on the seminar website (TED) or on reserve in the Department Library (DL). Recommended readings are preceded by '(B)'. The recommended readings are selective, rather than comprehensive, and represent some good points of entry into further issues and readings. Full references can be found on the Select Bibliography.

General
- (B) Terence Irwin, The Development of Ethics, vol. I; George Sabine, A History of Political Theory; Ernest Barker, The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle; Freedom, Reason, and the Polis: Essays in Ancient Greek Political Philosophy, ed. Keyt and Miller; Melissa Lane, Greek and Roman Political Ideas and “Ancient Political Philosophy” (SEP); Dean Hammer, Roman Political Thought: From Cicero to Augustine.

Week #1: Introduction and Plato’s Crito [DB/DR/CT]
- (A) Plato, Apology and Crito [TED/DL].
- (B) Gregory Vlastos, "The Historical Socrates and Athenian Democracy" in Vlastos, Socratic Studies; Richard Kraut, Socrates and the State; and Irwin, "Socratic Inquiry and Politics" and "Socrates and Athenian Democracy."

Week #2: Plato’s Republic I [DB]
- (A) Republic I-IV; Kuriai Doxa 31-40; Cicero, De Officiis, III 37-39 [TED/DL].

Week #5: Aristotle II: The Politics [DB/CT]

- (A) Aristotle, Politics, esp. I-IV, VII [DL].

Week #6: Stoicism [DR]

- (A) A. A. Long and David Sedley, The Hellenistic Philosophers, §§26-27, 43-47, 52-67; Cicero, De Finibus III-IV; De Officiis I [DL]

Week #7: Augustine [DR]

- (A) The City of God, as excerpted in Augustine, Political Writings (which contains other useful items). We’ll focus on bks. 5, 11, 14-15, 18-19 of City of God. [DL]
- (B) Gerard O’Daly, Augustine’s City of God: A Reader’s Guide; James Wetzel (ed.), Augustine’s City of God: A Critical Guide; R. W. Dyson, The Pilgrim City; Marsha Colish, The Stoic Tradition from Antiquity to the Middle Ages, vol. 2 (esp. ch. 4 on Augustine); John Marenbon, Pagans and Philosophers (esp. chs. 2 and 8); Peter Burnell, “The Status of Politics in Augustine’s City of God”; Jean Bethke Elshtain, Augustine and the Limits of Politics.

Week #8 Aquinas [DR/CT]

- (B) M. S. Kempshall, The Common Good in Late Medieval Thought, esp. chs. 3-4; John Finnis, Aquinas: Moral, Political and Legal Theory; Thomas Gilby, The Political Thought of Thomas Aquinas; Mary M. Keys, Aquinas, Aristotle, And The Promise Of The Common Good; Vasileios Syros, Marsilius of Padua at the Intersection of Ancient and Medieval Traditions of Political Thought.
Week #9: Christine de Pizan [CT]
- (A) *The Book of the City of Ladies*, Part I; *The Book of the Body Politic* [DL/TED]

Week #10: Francisco de Vitoria, Juan Ginés de Sepulveda, Bartolomé de las Casas
- (A) Vitoria, *On the American Indians*; Sepulveda, *Democrats Alter, Or, on the Just Causes for War Against the Indians*; Las Casas, *In Defense of the Indians*.
- (B) Cornish, “Spanish Thomism and the American Indians: Vitoria and Las Casas on the Toleration of Cultural Difference.”