

## **Philosophy 167 Winter 2011 Seminar: Contemporary Philosophical Conceptions of Social Justice and Respect for Persons**

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**Thursdays 1p – 350p, H&SS 7077**

**Course Requirements:** Regular attendance and participation at seminar meetings, some seminar presentations (analyzing a reading and leading its discussion), and a term paper on some topic central to course themes.

**Required Texts:** (1) John Rawls *A Theory of Justice (Revised)*, (2) Martha Nussbaum *Women and Human Development*, (3) Nancy Fraser and Axel Honneth *Redistribution or Recognition?*, (4) Will Kymlicka *Multicultural Citizenship*, (5) Susan Okin *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?* (6) the 2011 Cal Copy (CC) Reader, which is available at 3251 Holiday Court #103, which is located on Villa La Jolla Dr. one block south of La Jolla Village Dr. (behind the Mobil gas station). The telephone number is (858) 452-9949. The required books are available in the University Bookstore. All materials will also be available in Geisel Library.

### **Seminar Meeting Topics and Readings:**

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| Week 1<br>Jan. 6  | Topic: Overview of Course and Introduction to Rawls's <i>A Theory of Justice</i><br>Reading: None   |
| Week 2<br>Jan. 13 | Topic: Rawls's Aims in <i>A Theory of Justice</i> and His Conception of Moral Justification<br>Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- John Rawls <i>A Theory of Justice</i>, Chapters 1 and 2</li><li>- CC: Allen Buchanan <i>Marx and Justice</i>, Pages 104-121</li></ul>   |
| Week 3<br>Jan. 20 | Topic: Criticism of Rawls's Principles of Justice and Their "Contractarian Justification"<br>Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- John Rawls <i>A Theory of Justice</i>, Chapter 3</li><li>- CC: Thomas Nagel "Rawls on Justice"</li><li>- CC: Gerald Doppelt "Rawls's System of Justice: A Critique from the Left"</li></ul>                                   |
| Week 4<br>Jan. 27 | Topic: A Feminist Critique of Rawls's View of the Family and Justice in Gender Institutions<br>Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CC: Susan Okin <i>Justice, Gender, and the Family</i>, Chapters 2 and 7 ("<i>The Family: Beyond Justice?</i>" and "<i>Vulnerability by Marriage?</i>")</li></ul>  |
| Week 5<br>Feb. 3  | Topic: Does Rawls's Reliance on Incentives of Unequal Rewards Generate Injustice and Greed?<br>Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CC: G.A. Cohen. Chapters 8 and 9 ("<i>Justice, Incentives, and Selfishness?</i>" and "<i>On the Site of Distributive Justice?</i>")</li><li>- CC: Andrew Williams "<i>Incentives, Inequality, and Publicity?</i>"</li></ul> |
| Week 6<br>Feb. 10 | Topic: Does Multiculturalism Challenge Rawlsian Justice?<br>Reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Will Kymlicka <i>Multicultural Citizenship</i>, Chapters 1-6</li><li>- Susan Okin <i>Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?</i></li></ul>  |

- Week 7  
Feb. 17
- Topic: How Does the Capabilities Approach Challenge Rawls an Justice?  
Reading:
- Martha Nussbaum *Women and Human Development*, Chapters 1, 3, and 4
  - CC: Gerald Doppelt “*Illiberal Cultures and Groups Rights: A Critique of Multiculturalim in Kymlicka, Taylor, and Nussbaum*”
- Week 8  
Feb. 24
- Topic: The Nature of Self-Respect and the Social Bases of Respect for Persons (Problems of Race)  
Reading:
- CC: Stephen Darwall “*Two Kinds of Respect*” from *Dignity, Character, and Self-Respect*
  - CC: Bernard Boxill “*Self-Respect and Protest*” from *Dignity, Character, and Self-Respect*
  - CC: Laurence Thomas “*Self-Respect: Theory and Practice*” from *Dignity, Character, and Self-Respect*
- Week 9  
Mar. 3
- Topic: Social Justice: Social Recognition and/or the Distribution of Primary Goods  
Reading:
- Nancy Fraser and Axel Honneth *Redistribution or Recognition?*, Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4
- Week 10  
Mar. 10
- Topic: The Sources of Respect and Recognition in Modern Society and Rawls’s Turn to Political Liberalism  
Reading:
- CC: John Rawls *Lecture VII* (“*The Basic Liberties and Their Priority*”)
  - CC: John Rawls *Lectures I-II* (“*Fundamental Ideas*” and “*The Powers of Citizens and Their Representation*”)
  - CC: Gerald Doppelt “*The Place of Self-Respect in a Theory of Justice*”