

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].
- (B); Irwin, *Plato's Ethics*, chs. 11-18; David Sachs, "A Fallacy in Plato's *Republic*" in *Plato II*, ed. Vlastos; Vlastos, "Justice and Happiness in the *Republic*" in Vlastos, *Platonic Studies*; Kraut, "The Defense of Justice in Plato's *Republic*" in *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*, ed. Kraut.

Week #3: Plato's *Republic* II [DB]

- (A) *Symposium* 206e-212c; *Republic* V-IX [TED/DL].
- (B) Plato, *Statesman* and *Laws* (esp. 624a-636e, 643a-645e, 653a-c, 660e-668d, 676a-681d, 687a-690c, 694b, 697a-698b, 701de, 705d-706a, 712c-715d, 719e-720e, 722c-728c, 730b-735a, 739a-e, 744a-745b, 745e-746d, 756b-758d, 759b, 767e-771a, 780a-783a, 811c-e, 818a, 853a-854c, 857b-858b, 859c-864c, 874e-875d, 924a-c, 945b-e, 949e-952d, 960d-end); Vlastos, "The Individual as Object of Love in Plato" in Vlastos, *Platonic Studies*; David O. Brink, "Eudaimonism, Love and Friendship, and Political Community;" John Stuart Mill *On Liberty*; Karl Popper, *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, vol. 1; Vlastos, "Was Plato a Feminist?" in Vlastos, *Studies in Greek Philosophy*, vol. II; Trevor Saunders, "Plato's Later Political Thought;" and Chris Bobonich, *Plato's Utopia Recast*.

Week #4: Aristotle I: The *Ethics* [DB/DR]

- (A) Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books I, X, II-V, VI-VII, VIII-IX [DL].
- (B) Plato, *Philebus* 11b-12a, 20b-23b, 64c-67b; John Cooper, "Plato and Aristotle on Finality and Self-Sufficiency;" Kraut, "Two Conceptions of Happiness;" Jennifer Whiting, "Aristotle's Function Argument: A Defense;" Irwin, "Permanent Happiness: Aristotle and Solon" and

“Stoic and Aristotelian Conceptions of Happiness;” Kraut, *Aristotle on the Human Good*; Whiting, “Human Nature and Intellectualism in Aristotle;” W.F.R. Hardie, *Aristotle’s Ethical Theory*; Irwin, *Aristotle’s First Principles*, chs. 15-21; Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness* and “Aristotle on Human Nature and Political Virtue;” Jean Roberts, “Political Animals in the *Nicomachean Ethics*;” Adriel Trott, “Aristotle on the Nature of Community;” and Brink, “Eudaimonism and Cosmopolitan Concern.”

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

- (A) Aristotle, *Politics*, esp. I-IV, VII [DL].
- (B) Aristotle, *The Constitution of Athens*; W.D. Adkins, “The Connection Between Aristotle’s *Ethics* and *Politics*” in *A Companion to Aristotle’s Politics*, ed. Keyt and Miller; Brink, “Eudaimonism, Love and Friendship, and Political Community”; Irwin, “The Good of Political Activity,” *Aristotle’s First Principles*, chs. 19-21, and “Moral Science and Political Theory in Aristotle;” David Keyt, “Three Basic Theorems in Aristotle’s *Politics*” in *A Companion to Aristotle’s Politics*, ed. Keyt and Miller; Kraut, *Aristotle: Political Philosophy*; Dorothea Frede, “Citizenship in Aristotle’s *Politics*;” Martha Nussbaum, “Aristotelian Social Democracy;” Roberts, “Excellences of the Citizen and the Individual.”

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]
- (B) Katerina Vogt, *Law, Reason, and the Cosmic City*; Malcom Schofield, *The Stoic Idea of the City*; Schofield, “Social and Political Thought”; A. A. Long, “Hierocles on *Oikeiōsis* and Self-Perception”; Brad Inwood, *Ethics and Human Action in Early Stoicism* (esp. ch. 6); Inwood, “Natural Law in Seneca”; Cicero’s *De Finibus: Philosophical Approaches*, ed. J. Annas and G. Betegh; Long, “The Logical Basis of Stoic Ethics,” “Stoic Eudaimonism”; Irwin, “Stoic and Aristotelian Conceptions of Happiness;” Julia Annas, *The Morality of Happiness*; Brink, “Eudaimonism and Cosmopolitan Concern.”

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]

- (A) *Summa Theologiae*, First Part: q. 4-6, 22, 30, 44, 103, 105; First Part of Second Part: 1-5, 90-97, 103, 105; Second Part of Second Part: q. 1-4, 17, 23-31, 37-42, 57-61, 65-66, 104, 184.7, 186, 188.7-8. *Commentary on Aristotle’s Politics*: Prologue; bk. 1, chs. 1-6; 10; bk. 2, chs. 1-4; bk. 3 chs. 1, 5; *On Kingship*, bk. 1, chs. 1-16, 10. [DL/TED]
- (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]
- (B) Kate Langdon Forhan, *The Political Theory of Christine de Pizan*; Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, "Christine de Pisan and the Misogynistic Tradition"; Rosalind Brown-Grant, *Christine de Pizan and the Moral Defense of Women*; Istvan Bejczy, "Does Virtue Recognise Gender? Christine de Pizan's *City of Ladies* in the Light of Scholastic Debate"; Tsae Lan Lee Dow, "Christine de Pisan and the Body Politic"; Rina Lahav, "A Mirror of Queenship: The *Speculum dominarum* and the Demands of Justice"; Karen Green, "Christine de Pisan and Thomas Hobbes."

Week #10: Francisco de Vitoria, Juan Ginés de Sepulveda, Bartolomé de las Casas

- (A) Vitoria, *On the American Indians*; Sepulveda, *Democrates 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."