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:
Week 1  Topic: Overview of Course and Introduction to Rawls’s A Theory of Justice
Jan. 6  Reading: None

Week 2  Topic: Rawls’s Aims in A Theory of Justice and His Conception of Moral Justification
Jan. 13  Reading:
   - John Rawls A Theory of Justice, Chapters 1 and 2
   - CC: Allen Buchanan Marx and Justice, Pages 104-121

Week 3  Topic: Criticism of Rawls’s Principles of Justice and Their “Contractarian Justification”
Jan. 20  Reading:
   - John Rawls A Theory of Justice, Chapter 3
   - CC: Thomas Nagel “Rawls on Justice”
   - CC: Gerald Doppelt “Rawls’s System of Justice: A Critique from the Left”

Week 4  Topic: A Feminist Critique of Rawls’s View of the Family and Justice in Gender Institutions
Jan. 27  Reading:
   - CC: Susan Okin Justice, Gender, and the Family, Chapters 2 and 7 (“The Family: Beyond Justice?” and “Vulnerability by Marriage”)

Week 5  Topic: Does Rawls’s Reliance on Incentives of Unequal Rewards Generate Injustice and Greed?
Feb. 3  Reading:
   - CC: Andrew Williams “Incentives, Inequality, and Publicity”

Week 6  Topic: Does Multiculturalism Challenge Rawlsian Justice?
Feb. 10  Reading:
   - Will Kymlicka Multicultural Citizenship, Chapters 1-6
   - Susan Okin Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?
Week 7
Topic: How Does the Capabilities Approach Challenge Rawls an Justice?
Feb. 17
Reading:
- Martha Nussbaum *Women and Human Development*, Chapters 1, 3, and 4
- CC: Gerald Doppelt “Illiberal Cultures and Groups Rights: A Critique of Multiculturalism in Kymlicka, Taylor, and Nussbaum”

Week 8
Topic: The Nature of Self-Respect and the Social Bases of Respect for Persons (Problems of Race)
Feb. 24
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
Topic: Social Justice: Social Recognition and/or the Distribution of Primary Goods
Mar. 3
Reading:
- Nancy Fraser and Axel Honneth *Redistribution or Recognition?*, Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4

Week 10
Topic: The Sources of Respect and Recognition in Modern Society and Rawls’s Turn to Political Liberalism
Mar. 10
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”