Philosophy 152: Philosophy of Social Science
Winter Term 2012

Readings are available from:
https://sites.google.com/site/phil152w12cartwright/

Part I. The Ethics of the Economics of Climate Change

Week 1. (Jan 9) The economy and the environment: Who matters?

- **Readings**

- **Background readings for more depth**

Week 2. (Jan 18) Which values? Whose values?

- **Readings**

- **Week 3. (Jan 23) Dealing with dissent**

- **Readings**
• Oreskes, N & Conway, E (2010), *Merchants of Doubt*.

**Part 2. Value-free Social Science: Is it Possible? Desirable?**

**Week 4. (Jan 30) The value-free ideal**

- **Readings**

**Week 5. (Feb 6) Chasing out values: can it be done?**

- **Readings**

**Midterm Review**

**Week 6. (Feb 13) Catch-up, review, exam**

**Part 3. Feminist perspectives**

**Week 7. (Feb 22) Is value-free social science all that good an idea?**

- **Readings**

**Part 4. Evidence-based social policy**

**Week 8. (Feb 27) What’s EBP? What’s so good about RCTs?**

- **Readings**
  - ‘Social Programs that Work’. [http://evidencebasedprograms.org/wordpress/?page_id=9](http://evidencebasedprograms.org/wordpress/?page_id=9)
    From the authors.

**Week 9. (March 5) What went wrong with class-size reduction?**

- **Readings**
    From the authors.

**March 9 Exam**

**Week 10. (March 12) What went wrong in Bangladesh?**
Readings


• Cartwright, N & Hardie, J (forthcoming), Will It Really Work for You. Doing Evidence-based Policy Better. Chapter II.B. From the authors.