**Political Theory and International Relations**

**Political Science 362**

**Course Syllabus**

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**Course description**

What duties do individuals, states and societies have beyond their own national or political boundaries? Are there duties of global justice? What institutional implications follow from various conceptions of global justice? Does global distributive justice require the global democratic institutions or a world state? Is the use of force in international politics ever justified? These are enduring questions in political philosophy. This course will explore arguments in contemporary political philosophy, with some interaction from texts in the history of political thought, on issues such as the relationship between politics and ethics; the nature of the international/domestic distinction; the subjects, scope and demands of global justice; the relationship between patriotism, nationalism and cosmopolitanism; global poverty and inequality; the ethics of war and intervention; theories of human rights; and challenges of cosmopolitan democracy and global governance.

**Course prerequisites**

Students *must* have taken at least one introductory political theory course (eg. POLI 231 or 232), or receive permission of the instructor. An introductory international relations course is also strongly recommended.

### Required Texts

### The following books are available for purchase at Paragraphe Bookstore, 2220 McGill College Ave.

* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance* (Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 2009).
* Immanuel Kant, *Toward Perpetual peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace, and History*, Pauline Kleingeld ed. (Yale University Press, 2006).
* John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1999).
* Daniel Weinstock, ed. *Global Justice, Global Institutions* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2007).

**Other articles and reading materials listed below are available as a course reading package at the McGill bookstore. You can also download and print the readings out yourself using the links provided below, through the McGill library system or other online source.**

**Course evaluation requirements**

* The course will consist of two lectures and one conference per week.
* One in-class exam, scheduled for Thursday, November 12.
* Three medium length papers, 1200-1500 words each. Due dates: October 6, November 3, December 1. \*Further instruction will be provided.\*

Your course grade will be assessed as follows:

In-class exam 25% Conference participation 15%

3 papers, 20% each 60%

**Notes on evaluation:**

**In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University’s control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.**

**You must receive a passing grade for each component of the course (in-class exam, each of the three papers, and conference participation) to pass the class as a whole. This means that an F on any of these components (for example, one essay, or conference participation) will automatically result in a final course grade of F.**

Late Work and Other Penalties

Late papers will be penalized by dropping each day (including Saturday and Sunday) by one third of a grade (i.e., from A+ to A to A- to B+ etc.). If there are any foreseeable problems, please contact me immediately and come talk to me in person, rather than waiting until after the fact. I will not grant extensions a couple of days before the due date of an assignment.

**Other McGill policies:**

McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/integrity for more information).

L’université McGill attache une haute importance à l'honnêteté académique. Il incombe par conséquent à tous les étudiants de comprendre ce que l'on entend par tricherie, plagiat et autres infractions académiques, ainsi que les conséquences que peuvent avoir de telles actions, selon le Code de conduite de l'étudiant et des procédures disciplinaires (pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le site http://www.mcgill.ca/integrity/).

In accord with McGill University’s Charter of Students’ Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

### Lecture and Reading Schedule

**September 1, 3**

Introduction: Political Theory and International Relations – The Ten Divides

* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance* (Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 2009), Chapter 1, ‘Ethics, Politics, and Global Governance’ by Franceschet.

**Tuesday Sept 8**

Hobbes and the Problem of International Anarchy

* Hobbes, Thomas. *The Leviathan*: Part I, Chapters 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16. Online source: <http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3ll3/hobbes/Leviathan.pdf> OR <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/3207>

Recommended:

* Beitz, Charles R. “International Relations as a State of Nature” in *Political Theory and International Relations* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1979 or 1999), pp.11-66.

**Thursday Sept 10 – No lecture**

**Sept 15, 17**

Hobbes, State Sovereignty, and Global Governance

* Hobbes, Thomas. *The Leviathan*: Part II, Chapter 17, 18, 21, 22. Online source: <http://socserv.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3ll3/hobbes/Leviathan.pdf> OR <http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/3207>
* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 2, ‘Contesting Sovereignty’ by Makinda.

# September 22, 24 (CONFERENCES BEGIN)

Kant, Perpetual Peace, and Cosmopolitanism

* Immanuel Kant, *Toward Perpetual peace and Other Writings on Politics, Peace, and History*, Pauline Kleingeld ed. (Yale University Press, 2006).

# September 29, Oct 1

# Cosmopolitanism and the Priority of Compatriots

* David Miller, ‘The Ethical Significance of Nationality,’ *Ethics* 98 (1988): 647-662. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2380889>
* Robert E. Goodin, ‘What is so Special about our Fellow Countryman?’ *Ethics* 98 (1988): 663-686. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2380890>
* Daniel Weinstock, ed. *Global Justice, Global Institutions*, Chapter by Tan, ‘Cosmopolitan Impartiality and Patriotic Partiality.’

**October 6 – Essay #1 Due.**

Political Philosophy of John Rawls

Background lecture

**October 8**

John Rawls’s *Law of Peoples: A Realist Utopia?*

* John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999).

# Oct 13, 15

##### Liberalism and Human Rights

* Beitz, Charles, “Human Rights as a Common Concern,” *American Political Science Review* 95, 2 (June 2001), pp. 269-282. Online source: McGill library e-journals: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3118120>
* Cohen, Joshua, “Minimalism About Human Rights: The Most We Can Hope For?” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12, 2 (2004) 190-213. McGill library e-journals: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9760.2004.00197.x>
* Liberalism and the Contradictions of Global Civil Society—*C. Lynch*.

# October 20, 22

Humanitarianism and the ‘Responsibility to Protect’ (R2P) Doctrine

* Mill, John Stuart, ‘A Few Words on Non-Intervention,’ *Fraser’s Magazine*, 1859. Online source: <http://international-political-theory.net/texts/Mill-Non-Intervention.pdf> OR <http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=255&chapter=21666&layout=html&Itemid=27>
* Report of the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty, The Responsibility to Protect (Ottawa: 2001), Chapters 1-6. Online source: <http://www.iciss.ca/pdf/Commission-Report.pdf>
* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 5, ‘The Ethical Limits of Democracy Promotion,’ by Keating.
* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 6, ‘Humanitarianism and the Use of Force’ by Lu.

## October 27, 29

## Feminist Ethics, Women’s Human Rights, and Human Security

* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 7, ‘Feminist Ethics and Global Security Governance’ by Robinson.
* Catharine A. MacKinnon, ‘Rape, Genocide, and Women’s Human Rights,’ *Harvard Women’s Law Journal* 17 (1994) 5-16.<http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Page?collection=journals&handle=hein.journals/hwlj17&id=13>

**November 3 – Essay #2 Due.**

## November 3, 5

Global Poverty and the International/Domestic Distinction

Pogge, Thomas, ‘World Poverty and Human Rights,’ *Ethics and International Affairs* 19, 1 (2005) 1-7. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-7093.2005.tb00484.x>; *plus* articles by Mathias Risse (pp. 9-18 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-7093.2005.tb00485.x>) and Alan Patten (pp. 19-27 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-7093.2005.tb00486.x>) in the same volume. Online source: McGill library e-journals.

## November 10

Global Poverty Eradication in Theory and Practice

Kokaz, Nancy, ‘Poverty and Global Justice,’ *Ethics and International Affairs* 21, 3 (2007) 317-336. McGill library e-journals: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1747-7093.2007.00102.x>

Daniel Weinstock, ed. *Global Justice, Global Institutions*, Chapters by Wenar and Chung.

**November 12 – In-class Exam**

## November 17, 19

Global Justice and Institutions

* Daniel Weinstock, ed. *Global Justice, Global Institutions*, Chapters by Heath and Kokaz.

# November 24, 26

Global Justice and Models of Responsibility

* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 8, ‘The Ethics of Global Economic Governance,’ by Best.
* Young, Iris Marion, ‘Responsibility and Global Labor Justice,’ *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12, 4 (2004) 365-388. Online source: McGill library e-journals: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9760.2004.00205.x>

**December 1 – Essay #3 Due**

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Cosmopolitan Democracy and World Order

* Held, David, ‘Democracy: From City-states to a Cosmopolitan Order?’ *Political Studies* 40 (1992) 10-39. McGill library e-journals: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9248.1992.tb01810.x>
* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 4, ‘Democratic Ethics and UN Reform’ by Archibugi and Marchetti.
* Antonio Franceschet, ed. *The Ethics of Global Governance*, Chapter 10, ‘Power and Responsibility in the Global Community’ by Murphy.
* Daniel Weinstock, ed. *Global Justice, Global Institutions*, Chapter by Bohman, ‘Constituting Humanity: Democracy, Human Rights, and Political Community.’