

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Issues in Democratic Theory - 56867

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This class will analyze the concept of justice as it is manifested in contemporary political theory.

Course/Module aims:

This class will analyze the concept of justice as it is manifested in contemporary political theory.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*develop a theory of social justice
analyze the relations between justice and equality
decide when affirmative action should be allowed, if at all
conclude which are the basic human and citizen rights
recommend a policy that will diminish cases of injustice in Israeli public arena*

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction

Plato, The Republic, trans. Tom Griffith, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000, 357-362.

2. The Notion of Justice

Aristotle, Nichomachean Ethics, trans. Roger Crisp, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000, chapter 5.

3. Justice and Fairness

John Rawls, A Theory of Justice (Oxford University Press, 1973), pp. 3-22.

4. Criticizing Rawls – the Self and the Community

Michael Sandel, "The Procedural Republic and the Unencumbered Self," Political Theory 12 (1), February 1984, pp. 81-96.

5. Justice and Libertarianism

Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (Blackwell, 1974), pp. 150-174.

6. *Equality of Welfare?*

Ronald Dworkin, "What is Equality? Part 1: Equality of Welfare," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 10 (3), 1981, pp. 183-191; 228-240.

7. *Equality of Resources?*

Ronald Dworkin, "What Is Equality? Part 2: Equality of Resources," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 10 (4), pp. 283-314.

8. *Spheres of Justice*

Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*, Basic Books, 1983, chapter 1.

9. *Between Theory and Politics*

Iris Marion Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference*, Princeton University Press, 1990, ch. 1.

10. *Justice and Multiculturalism*

Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, Oxford University Press, 1996, ch. 6.

11. *Affirmative Action?*

Tom L. Beauchamp, "In Defense of Affirmative Action," *The Journal of Ethics* 2, 1998, pp. 143-158.

12. *International Justice?*

Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 1(3), pp. 229-243.

13. *Injustice*

Judith N. Shklar, *The Faces of Injustice*, Yale University Press, 1990, pp. 1-14; 40-50.

14. *Conclusion*

Required Reading:

See under course content

Additional Reading Material:

None

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 70 %
Assignments 30 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %
none

Additional information:
None