

College of Arts – Online Course Outline Template

Course Code: PHIL * 4230	Section: 01	Semester: W13
Course Title: Social and Political Philosophy: <i>Theories of Global Justice</i>		
Instructor: M. Deveaux		
<p>Brief course Synopsis: This course asks what justice requires in an increasingly globalized world. Social and political philosophers used to assume the existence of bounded states with fixed borders and closed citizenship. But the increasing economic, political, and environmental interdependence of different regions and peoples of the world has rendered these assumptions all but obsolete. Traditional theories of political justice that hold to a conventional ideal of sovereignty may thus fail to grasp the global dimensions of citizenship and states' as well as citizens' obligations. They may also overlook the global impact of humanitarian and environmental crises, and the ethical duties that arise from these.</p> <p>We will take up several theoretical approaches to the problem of global justice: cosmopolitan perspectives, nationalist and communitarian approaches, and contractarian views, as well as post-colonial and feminist responses to these theories.</p> <p>Authors include Immanuel Kant, John Rawls, Richard Rorty, Peter Singer, David Miller, Thomas Pogge, Gillian Brock, Simon Caney, Charles Beitz, Martha Nussbaum, Alison Jaggar, and Joseph Carens.</p> <p>Textbook(s): The Law of the Peoples The Life you Could Save</p>		