

# Global Justice

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## ***Description of the Course:***

This course provides an introduction to global justice and will include a detailed examination of some of the most important contemporary works on the topic by authors like Thomas Pogge, Darrel Moellendorf, Gillian Brock, Kok-Chor Tan, and Richard Miller.

## ***Objectives:***

I hope that by the end of this course you will be able to 1) relay and analyze some of the main arguments about the topics covered in the readings, 2) create, consider objections to, and defend your own views on these important topics orally and in writing, and 3) demonstrate an understanding of some important moral and political questions that arise regarding the topics we will cover.

## ***Conduct of Course:***

There will be a reading assignment for every lecture. To facilitate the discussion, it is essential that you come prepared to each class. You should therefore be prepared to give your opinion about the arguments of the assigned readings as well as your preliminary response to the wider questions raised by the readings. Specifically, you should come to classes with a considered view regarding the main thesis of the assigned reading: what is the content of this thesis, what reasons are adduced by the author in defense of this thesis, is the thesis plausible, and is there a better alternative?

Students will write 1-2 page weekly papers, do in-class presentations on the material, and write an approx. 20 page final paper. The weekly writing assignments will constitute 30% of your grade. The presentations will constitute 30% of your grade. The final paper will constitute 40% of your grade.

## ***Academic Integrity:***

I really want you to succeed in this class. If you feel like you are not going to do as well as you would like please talk to me and we may be able to arrange something. If you cheat and get caught this may entail such penalties as failure in the class or even dismissal from the university. You are responsible for knowing university policies on cheating and plagiarism.

## ***Materials:***

Darrel Moellendorf, *Global Inequality Matters*

Thomas Pogge, *World Poverty and Human Rights*

Richard W. Miller, *Globalizing Justice: The Ethics of Poverty and Power*

Gillian Brock, *Global Justice: A Cosmopolitan Account*

Nicole Hassoun, *Globalization and Global Justice*

Kok-Chor Tan, *Justice, Institutions, and Luck*

David Miller, *National Responsibility and Global Justice*

Richard Dworkin, *Sovereign Virtue*

Although I encourage you to buy all of these books (priority in order of listing), I will place a copy of all of these books on hold either in the main library or in the department library (please do not remove them except to copy). The articles will be online.

### **I. Cosmopolitanism vs. Statism: Harm, Coercion, Reciprocity, Responsibility and Equality**

September 4: Introduction; Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality"

September 11: R. Miller, Ch. 1; Pogge, "Eradicating Extreme Poverty: A Brief for a Global Resource Dividend"

September 18: Risse, "Do We Owe the Global Poor Assistance or Rectification?"; R. Miller, "Cosmopolitan Respect and Patriotic Concern"

September 25: Blake, "Distributive Justice, State Coercion and Autonomy"; Nagel, "The Problem of Global Justice"

October 2: Hassoun, "World Poverty and Individual Freedom"/ Sonderholm, "World Poverty and Not Respecting Individual Freedom Enough"/ Hassoun, "Response"

October 9: Hassoun, Ch. 2; Hassoun Ch. 3

October 16: Sangiovanni, "Global Justice, Reciprocity, and the State"; Caney, "Humanity, Associations and Global Justice"

October 23: Abizadeh, "Cooperation, Pervasive Impact, and Coercion: On the Scope (not Site) of Distributive Justice"; Brock, Ch. 3

October 30: Moellendorf, Ch. 1-2

November 6: Moellendorf, Ch. 3-4

November 13: Dworkin, *Sovereign Virtue*, Ch. 2; Tan, "A Defense of Luck Egalitarianism"

### **II. Global Justice in Practice**

November 20: Gardiner, "Climate Change the Perfect Moral Storm"; Shue, "Global Environment and International Inequality"

November 27: Pogge, Ch. 6; Brock, Ch. 5

December 4: Wenar, "Property Rights and the Resource Curse"; Barnard, "In the High Court of South Africa, Case No. 4138/98: The Global Politics of Access to Low-Cost AIDS Drugs in Poor Countries"

December 11: Hollis and Pogge, *Health Impact Fund* Ch. 1-2; Hassoun, "Fair Trade Bio"

I will attempt to inform you as soon as possible if I make changes to this syllabus