SPS 303A

Law and Ethics

Fall 2020

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|  Schedule of Class Meetings and Required Readings  |
| Date | Theme | Readings |
| 9 Oct | Introduction |  |
| 16 Oct | The current state of democracy | Geddes, B., Wright, J., and Frantz, E. (2018). How Dictatorships Work: Power, Personalization, and Collapse. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. (Introduction) Levitsky, S. and Ziblatt, D., 2018. How democracies die. Broadway Books. (Introduction and Chap 9.) |
| 23 Oct | Rule of law | Raz, J. 2009. The rule of law and its virtue. In The Authority of Law: Essays on Law and Morality, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2nd ed. Edition, pp 210-229 |
| 6 Nov | Law and morality  | Hart, H. L. A. (1994). The Concept of Law. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2nd ed. edition. pp. 185-200. (Pages 200-2012 are recommended but optional) |
| 13 Nov | Morality and politics | Arendt, H., 2009. Responsibility and judgment. Schocken., pp.75-97  |
| 20 Nov | Populism | Elster, Jon. 2020. "Some notes on ‘Populism’." *Philosophy & Social Criticism,* Vol. 46(5) 591–600. 0191453720903773 |
| 27 Nov | Midterm exam | During lecture hours |
| 4 Dec | Justice in the Anthropocene | Dryzek, J.S. and Pickering, J., 2019. The politics of the Anthropocene. Oxford University Press, pp. 58-81. |
| 11 Dec | Gender and politics | Alston, M., 2014, Gender mainstreaming and climate change. In Women's Studies International Forum (47), pp. 287-294.  (Recommended reading) Haraway, D., 1988. Situated knowledges: The science question in feminism and the privilege of partial perspective. Feminist studies, 14(3), pp.575-599. |
| 18 Dec | Citizenship | Bryan S. Turner (2009) T.H. Marshall, social rights and English national identity, Citizenship Studies, 13:1, 65-73, DOI: 10.1080/13621020802586750 |
| 25 Dec | Religion and Politics | Casanova, Jose. (2006). Rethinking secularization: a global comparative perspective. The Hedgehog Review, 8(1-2), 7-23. |
| 8 Jan | Social Justice | Rawls, John. (1971) “Justice as Fairness,” excerpted from A Theory of Justice, Harvard University Press  |
|  22 Jan | Final Exam |  16:00-19:00 time slot, on zoom |