

PHIL 2991

Topics in Philosophy: Issues in Political Philosophy

This course is an intermediate-level seminar on political philosophy. We start with canonical works and historical texts that address the following basic questions: Why the state? What is the function of government? What makes for a just society? Then we move to contemporary readings on various practical problems and issues, such as distributive equality, human rights and state sovereignty, justice and war, and global environmental justice.

Requirements (Provisional)

- a. Active class participation
- b. 4-5 Reading Responses (about 500 words each) and leading discussion
- c. In-class tests
- d. Final Essay