

Philosophy C3912
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John Rawls's *A Theory of Justice*

Enrollment is limited to 20 undergraduate philosophy majors.

This seminar will be a close reading of the entirety of *A Theory of Justice*, including the seldom-read Part III, in which Rawls considers the importance of non-political institutions (the family and the economy) in realizing the just state. Paying attention to this part of the text will reveal some of the many ways in which Rawls's theory is more Hegelian than Kantian.

Required Text

Rawls, John, *Theory of Justice*

Course requirements

- Regular attendance of seminar meetings
- One 3-page paper
- One 5-page paper
- One 12-15-page paper

Final grades will be determined as follows: 20% First paper
30% Second paper
50% Final paper