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**PROSEMINAR IN POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY,
AND PUBLIC POLICY**

Spring 2006

Thursday, 12:30-3:15p.m.

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Course requirements:

In addition to participation in the seminar discussions, students will be expected to submit three short essays (2-2,500 words). Questions will be distributed. Final grades will be based largely on the written work, with class participation taken into account.

Texts ordered:

Aristotle, *Politics*, ed, and trans. by Ernest Barker (Oxford pb)

Madison, Hamilton, Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, ed. Issac Kramnick (Penguin pb)

Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Economic Democracy* (university of California Press, 1986, 0-520-05877-1).

Bernard Manin, *The Principles of Representative Government* (Cambridge University Press, 1997, 0-521-45891-9)

Philip Pettit, *Republicanism: A Theory of Freedom and Government* (Oxford University Press 1997, 0-19-8296642-8).

John Rawls, *Theory of Justice* (Harvard University Press, 1971, 0-674-01772-2, *original ed.*)

Judith Shklar, *Legalism: Law, Morals, and Political Trials* (Harvard University Press, 19??, 0-674-52351-2)

Jeremy Waldron, *The Dignity of Legislation* (Cambridge University Press, 1999, 0-521-65883-7)

Tentative Schedule (revised):

1. Wed 25 January: Introduction (CM)

Jefferson, Declaration of Independence

2. Wed 1 February: States, nations, nation-states, and other modern forms of political society (CM)

Morris, "The Modern State", in *The Handbook on Political Theory*, edited by Gerald Gaus and Chandran Kukathas (London: Sage Publications, 2004), pp. 195-209.

3. Wed 8 February: Some classical modern ideas (CM)

Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Introduction, chs. 10-16, 17-19, 21, 24-26, 29-31

Locke, *2nd Treatise*, chs. I-V, VII-XIII

Kant, "On the Common Saying: 'This May be True in Theory, but it does not Apply in Practice'", Section II; *Metaphysical Elements of the Theory of Right*, excerpts in *Kant: Political Writings*, H. Reiss, ed., 2nd, enlarged ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991), pp. 131-175.

4. Wed 15 February: Some contemporary ideas (CM)

Rawls, *Theory of Justice* (1971 ed.), Sections 1-4, 11-17, 20-30, 41, 46, 87.

Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia*, Preface, chs. 1, 2 (pp. 10-12), 3 (pp. 28-35, 48-51), 7.

5. Wed 22 February: Legitimacy and justification (CM)

Simmons, "Legitimacy", in *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Becker and Becker eds. (Garland), 2nd ed., 960-63.

Simmons, "Legitimacy and justification", *Ethics* 109, 4 (July 1999), 739-771.

Morris, "State Legitimacy and Social Order" (unpublished)

6. Wed 1 March: Good political regimes (SE)

1st essay due

Aristotle, *Politics*, Book III

Waldron, *The Dignity of Legislation*

Elkin, "Political Regimes and Political Rationality" (forthcoming)

7. Wed 8 March: The rule of law (SE)

Hayek, *Constitution of Liberty*, chs. 10-11

Shklar, *Legalism*, pp. 1-143.

8. Wed 15 March: Constitutionalism (SE)

Federalist Papers 10, 51

Manin, *The Principles of Representative Government*, chs. 3-6

9. Wed 29 March: Pluralism and public-spiritedness (SE)

Dahl, *Dilemmas of Pluralist Democracy*, chs. 1-3, 5-8

10. Wed 5 April: Property and democracy (SE)

2nd essay due

Dahl, *A Preface to Economic Democracy*

Roemer, "The Future of Socialism" in Erik Olin Wright, ed., *Equal Shares*

Simon, "Social Republican Property", *UCLA Law Review* 38 (1991) pp. 1335-

11. Wed 12 April: Republicanism (SE)

Pettit, *Republicanism*, chs. 2-3, 5-8.

12. Wed 19 April: Nations and nationalism (CM)

Morris, *An Essay on the Modern State*, ch. 8, "Boundaries"

Margalit and Raz, "National Self-Determination", *Journal of Philosophy* (1990)

Copp, "Social Unity and the Identity of Persons", *Journal of Political Philosophy*

13. Wed 26 April: Nation-building (Karol Soltan)

Fukuyama, *State-Building*

Soltan, "Rebuilding Constitutional Order" (Working Paper, part of a USAID Project)

14. Wed 3 May: International order and global justice (CM)

Scheffler, "Conceptions of Cosmopolitanism" (1999)

Nagel, "The Problem of Global Justice", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2005)

J. Cohen and Sabel, "Extra Rempublicam Nulla Justitia?", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2006)

Julius, "Nagel's Atlas", *Philosophy & Public Affairs* (2006)

15. Wed 10 May: Styles of Political Theory

Elkin, "Thinking Constitutionally", *Social Philosophy and Policy* 21, 1 (2004)

Morris, "The Very Idea of Popular Sovereignty: 'We the People' Reconsidered", *Social Philosophy & Policy* 17, 1 (Winter 2000), 1-26.