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POLS V3027, LIBERALISM, COMMUNITARIANISM, AND THE GOOD  
TUESDAY, THURSDAY 4:10-5:25 PM

Requirements: *Class participation: 30%.* There will be a seating chart, and students will be called on to answer questions (distributed in advance) about the readings. By far the most important thing is to allow time—several hours—to do the readings slowly and carefully before class. The number of pages each week is small, but they will be among the most difficult pages you will encounter in college. If you do the readings intensively before each class, you will succeed (and maybe learn something). If you don't have the study habits--or the time--to do that, don't enroll. We'll all be happier that way.

*Midterm: 30%.*

*Final: 40%.*

*Please note that I am not available to proctor early midterms or finals, so don't join the course if you may be at home (or in Hawaii) on our exam dates.*

Readings:

1. COURSE READER--buy at Village Copier on Broadway

2. BOOKS TO BUY at Labyrinth or read on reserve at Barnard library (please buy the specific editions noted):

John Rawls, A Theory of Justice, rev. ed.

Robert Nozick, Anarchy, State, and Utopia

Michael Sandel, Liberalism & the Limits of Justice, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

Alasdair MacIntyre, After Virtue, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

G. W. Leibniz, Theodicy, Open Court ed.

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\* = in-class handout

\*\* = in course reader from Village Copier on Broadway (these readings are not on reserve)

no asterisk = book to buy at Labyrinth

1/20: \*"Disagreement? Dissent? Discussion? Don't Go There!"

1/22: \*"Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong in Islamic Thought"

(handed out in first class and available thereafter on my office door—416A Lehman)

1/27: Rawls, A Theory of Justice, ch. 1 (sec. 7 optional)

1/29: Rawls, sec. 11; AND pp. 62-65; AND secs. 15-17; AND secs. 82-83

2/3: Rawls, secs. 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 33, 40, 60-65

2/5: conclude discussion of Rawls

2/10: Nozick, Anarchy, State, and Utopia, pp. 149-64, 198-99, 213-19, 222-32

2/12: conclude discussion of Nozick

2/17: \*\*Charles Taylor, "What's Wrong with Negative Liberty"

2/19: Sandel, Liberalism & the Limits of Justice, Introduction

2/24: Sandel, ch. 1, pp. 15-24 & 60-64; ch. 2, pp. 66-81 & 92-103

2/26: Sandel, chs. 3-4

3/2: Sandel, Conclusion

3/4 :conclude discussion of Sandel

3/9: midterm review

3/11: midterm\*\*\*\*\*

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3/23: midterms returned, discussed

3/25: Sandel, Liberalism and the Limits of Justice, Pref. to 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

3/30: MacIntyre, After Virtue, chs. 1-3

4/1: MacIntyre, chs. 1-3, contd.

4/6: MacIntyre, chs. 14-15

4/8: conclude discussion of MacIntyre

4/13: Leibniz, Theodicy, "Essays on the Justice of God and the Freedom of Man in the Origin of Evil," secs. 1-10 (pp. 123-39), 21-23, 34-35, 43-51, 132, 154, and 240

4/15: continue discussion of Leibniz

4/20: Leibniz, secs. 303-310, 318-20, 323, 337-39; and "Summary of the Controversy Reduced to Formal Arguments," pp. 386-88

4/22: conclude discussion of Leibniz

4/27: \*\*Max Weber, "Politics as a Vocation," p. 117 only

\*\*Max Weber, "Science as a Vocation," pp. 151-56 only

\*\*Max Weber, "The Meaning of 'Ethical Neutrality,'" pp. 1-18 only

\*\*Max Weber, "'Objectivity' in the Social Sciences," pp. 49-60 only

4/29: concluding discussion

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