

SPS Seminar 2<sup>nd</sup> term 2013-2014

# **International Normative Theory**

Mondays 11:00 - 13:00

Seminar Room 3, Badia Fiesolana

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#### Course Outline

This course equips students with the knowledge and skills to analyse the role of norms and ethics in international affairs. Topics include: the nature of ethical reasoning and the role of norms in international relations; state sovereignty, national self-determination, and secession; just war (including jus ad bellum, jus in bello, and jus post bellum); pluralism and cosmopolitanism; transnational environmental responsibility; and the possibility of reform of the international system.

#### Content and Structure

This course operates at two levels. The first, more descriptive level, seeks to understand what role norms and ethics have played in contemporary international relations. As one quickly discovers, however, the answer to this question is influenced by one's view on the persuasiveness of different theoretical accounts of international relations (e.g. realist, constructivist, etc.) The second level is overtly normative, and seeks to determine which of the developments in the international system during recent decades are to be welcomed, and which are to be resisted. International normative theory attempts to systematize what is at stake among any genuine alternatives and, if possible, to find reasonable grounds upon which to judge those alternatives. This course attempts to sketch out the current state of debate on the central issues about what is right and just in the international arena - while recognizing that contemporary arguments form part of ongoing controversies of considerable duration.

The primary focus of the course will be on the assessment of normative judgments: which conclusions are supported by the greatest weight of reasons? Which institutions or policies are most fully justified? This task also involves making empirical judgments about the international system - for two main reasons. First, arguments for normative judgments about international affairs invariably rest on assumptions about what is "normal" and "what is possible", which are empirical premises. Second, a comprehensive defense of any norm or normative position involves some case being made that in practice it will be neither utopian nor counter-productive. Consequently, while the primary goal in this course is the construction and assessment of normative positions, these positions will be as fully embedded as possible in the best available analysis of the dynamics of international politics. In short: what is right and just in *this* world?

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#### Organization of Teaching

Attendance at seminars is compulsory for those who register for this course. **EVERY** member of the seminar is liable to be called upon to discuss **ANY of the core reading** in any week, as active participation in the discussion is vital to the success of the course. Other members of the EUI may be welcome to attend but should consult the course provider in advance of the first meeting of the class. All students registering for the course will be expected to produce **at least two** papers (of roughly 2000 words) that answer one of the discussion questions for each week. Students are asked to circulate these discussion papers 24 hours in advance of the seminar, and to present the papers for 10-12 minutes during the seminar.

If you want to write a term paper for this seminar/workshop, please send a copy by email to the seminar's professor as well as to the organizing administrative assistant. Once the paper is approved, she will update your credit award in your academic records. The deadline for submission is: 30 May 2014.

#### **Background Reading**

Works on normative theory in IR:

Chris Brown International Relations Theory: New Normative Approaches (1992)

Molly Cochran Normative Theory in International Relations: A

Pragmatic Approach (1999)

Mervyn.Frost Ethics in International Relations: A Constitutive Theory

(1996)

Andrew Hurrell 'Norms and Ethics in International Relations', in

W. Carlsnaes et al, Handbook of International

Relations (2002)

Introductory work on political theory:

Will Kymlicka Contemporary Political Philosophy (2002)

David Miller A Very Short Introduction to Political Philosophy (2003)

Introductory work on ethics:

Hare, R.M. *Moral Thinking* (1981)

Rachels, J. The Elements of Moral Philosophy (latest edition) Williams, B. Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy (1985)

# Part A: Normative Explanation and Foundational Norms



#### 1st Week The Possibility of Ethics and the Role of Norms

This week we examine two issues. They are both concerned with whether ethical norms can and do exist in international politics. The first issue is the empirical one of whether norms serve as "causes" with empirical consequences. If norms sometimes affect what happens, some developments in history should be fully explicable only by reference to norms. Is this true? Tannenwald, for example, argues that it is true of the non-use of nuclear weapons since 1945.

Second, we examine how those engaging in normative international relations theory have responded to the charge that the nature of the international system is such that calling for states and other actors to act on ethical norms is utopian. It asks: is international ethics possible?

Question a: Are norms just 'window dressing', or do they have an autonomous effect international in relations?

Question b: What insights, if any, do realist thinkers have on the possibility of applying moral principles to international politics?

#### Core Reading on (a)

Rosemary Foot and Andrew Walter 'Global Norms and Major State Behaviour', European

*Journal of International Relations* 19 (2013)

Nina Tannenwald The Nuclear Taboo: The United States and the Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons

Since 1945 (2007) [available online at SOLO]

'How Do Norms Matter?' in The Role of Law in International Politics: F.V. Kratochwil

Essays in International Relations and International Law (2000), ed. by

Byers, pp. 35-68. [available online at SOLO]

Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics (2008) - Introduction by Richard Price

Price, and chapters by Reus-Smit and Lynch

#### Core Reading on (b)

Charles Beitz Political Theory and International Relations (1979/1999), part I.

Traditions of International Ethics (1992) – chapter by Donnelly (ch 5). Terry Nardin

#### Further Reading on (a)

Amitav Acharya 'How Ideas Spread: Whose Norms Matter?', International Organization

Neta C. Crawford Argument and Change in World Politics: Ethics, Decolonization, and

Humanitarian Intervention (2002) [available online at SOLO]

Martha Finnemore and Michael Barnett Rules for the World (2005)

Martha Finnemore and Kathryn Sikkink 'International Norm Dynamics and Political

Change', International Organization 52: 4 (1998)

'The Construction of International Hierarchy: A Case Study of British Edward Keene

Treaty-Making Against the Slave Trade', International Organization 61:2

(2007).

Ellen Lutz and Kathryn Sikkink, 'The Justice Cascade', Chicago Journal of International Law, 21:1 (2001)



Ethan Nadelmann 'Global Prohibition Regimes: The Evolution of Norms in

International Society', International Organization 44: 4 (Autumn 1990).

Richard Price "Transnational Civil Society and Advocacy in World Politics," World

Politics, 55:4 (July 2003).

Thomas Risse 'Let's Argue! Communicative Action in World Politics', International

Organization 54 (2000)

Thomas Risse, Stephen Ropp, and Kathryn Sikkink. The Power of Human Rights (Cambridge,

1999), Introduction.

Kathryn Sikkink Patterns of Dynamic Multilevel Governance and the Insider-Outsider

Coalition', in *Transnational Protest and Global Activism*, eds. Donatella della Porta and Sidney Tarrow (Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), 151-73.

[modifies Risse, Ropp, and Sikkink]

Daniel C. Thomas The Helsinki Effect: International Norms, Human Rights, and the Demise of

Communism (Princeton, 2001).

Alexander Wendt Social Theory of International Politics (1999), pp. 246-312.

#### Further Reading on (b)

Marshall Cohen 'Moral Skepticism and International Relations', *Philosophy and Public* 

Affairs 13: 4, pp.299-346

Raymond Geuss *Philosophy and Real Politics* (2008)

Thomas Hobbes Leviathan, chapter XIII (on state of nature)

Noel Malcolm Aspects of Hobbes (2004), chapter 13 (on Hobbes's international

thought and Beitz's interpretation).

Kenneth Waltz Theory of International Politics (1979)

Bernard Williams 'Realism and Moralism in Political Theory' in *In the Beginning was the* 

Deed: Realism and Moralism in Political Argument, (2005) selected, edited,

and with an introduction by Geoffrey Hawthorn, pp.1-17.

# 2nd Week Membership in International Society: Sovereignty as a Foundational Norm

One of the core tasks in international normative theory is to examine and evaluate the rationale for granting sovereign states a particular status in international society. Yet, sovereignty, self-determination, and legitimacy form a complex web which at times appears incoherent. Is a sovereign state the best or only mechanism to protect the self-determination of a people? Is a state's sovereignty conditional upon its capacity to fulfill the self-determination of its people, and to deliver domestic justice? What are the criteria for the kind of community that is entitled to either self-determination or a sovereign state (and possibly secession)? More fundamentally, what are the features of one's relations with compatriots that are lacking in one's relations with the remainder of humanity that justify granting some priority to compatriots? How much priority?

Question a: Should statehood for a political community be conditional on the capacity to deliver justice?

Question b: What are the features (if any) of one's relations with compatriots that are lacking in one's relations with the remainder of humanity? Do these justify granting some priority to compatriots?



#### Core Reading on (a)

Buchanan, Allen. 'Justice, Legitimacy, and Self-Determination (2004), esp. Chapters 8 and 9

OR 'Theories of Secession', *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 26 (1997).

Fabry, Mikulas. Recognizing States: International Society and the Establishment of New States

since 1776 (2010). Introduction and Chpt. 6

Reus-Smit, Christian. The Moral Purpose of the State: Culture, Social Identity, and Institutional

Rationality in International Relations (1999). Chapters 1, 5, 6

Roth, Brad. Governmental Legitimacy in International Law (2000) esp. Chapters 1, 6

Walzer, Michael. "The reform of the state system", in O. Osterud, ed., Studies of War

and Peace (1987).

#### Core reading on (b)

Miller, David. On Nationality (1995).

Scheffler, Samuel. Boundaries and Allegiances: Problems of Justice and Responsibility in Liberal

Thought (2001),pp. 32-47 and 82-130.

#### **Further Reading**

Barry, Brian. Culture & Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism (2001).

Political Argument: A Reissue with a New Introduction (1990), pp. 38-43 and 173-

206.

Bartelson, Jan. A Genealogy of Sovereignty (1995).

Biersteker, Thomas J., and Cynthia Weber, eds. State Sovereignty as Social Construct (1996).

Buchanan, Allen. Secession: The Morality of Political Divorce from Fort Sumter to Lithuania and Quebec (1991).

Caney, Simon, David George, and Peter Jones, eds. National Rights, International Obligations (1996).

Chayes, Abram, and Antonia Chayes. The New Sovereignty: Compliance with International Regulatory

Agreements (1995).

Dahbour, Omar. Illusion of the Peoples: A Critique of National Self-Determination (2003).

Deng, Francis M., Sadikiel Kimaro, et al. Sovereignty as Responsibility (1996), pp. 1-33.

Gong, Gerrit W. The Standard of 'Civilization' in International Society (1984).

Hinsley, F.H. Sovereignty, 2nd edn. (1986).

Jackson, Robert. The Global Covenant: Human Conduct in a World of States (2000).

McKim, Robert, and Jeff McMahan, eds. The Morality of Nationalism (1997)



Krasner, Stephen D. Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy (1999).

Kymlicka, Will. Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights (1995).

Politics in the Vernacular: Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and Citizenship (2001).

.Margalit, Avishai, and Joseph Raz. 'National Self-Determination,' Journal of Philosophy 87 (1990),

pp. 439-61

Philpott, Daniel. Revolutions in Sovereignty: How Ideas Shaped Modern International Relations (2001).

Rae, Heather. State Identities and the Homogenisation of Peoples (Cambridge 2002).

Tamir, Yael. Liberal Nationalism (1993).

Young, Iris Marion. *Inclusion and Democracy* (2000), pp. 236-275.

### Part B: The Ethics of War

3rd Week Just War Theory

When, if ever, is war just? One pivotal issue now between rival interpretations of just war--for example, those by Walzer and Coates--is the extent to which contemporary principles of just war ought to be state-centric. Another controversy concerns whether attempts at limiting war are a fundamentally misguided project, given the nature of the contemporary international system. Both extremes, pacifists who believe that declaring some warfare to be just promotes war by appearing to sanitize it, and adherents to 'war-is-hell' who believe that moderating warfare prolongs fighting and causes more misery overall than short and sharp action, reject the middle way constituted by just war. But if no form of military rescue can be justified, those with the bad luck to be born on the territories of genocidal states may simply be left by the rest of us to their unfortunate fates. If limiting norms are to be enforced, however, difficult choices arise among types of limits, such as limits among targets (combatants vs noncombatants), limits among weapons (nuclear w biological w anti- personnel land-mines), and the limits that can be placed on those who engage in long-term reconstruction.

Question: 'Theories of just war are more concerned with protecting the sovereignty of states than with protecting the lives of individual persons.' Do you agree?

#### **Core Reading**

Cecil Fabre Cosmopolitan War (2012), Chapters 1 and 2

Nicholas Rengger *Just War and International Order* (2013), Introduction, Chapters 3 and 5

David Rodin War & Self-Defense (2002), Introduction

Henry Shue 'War' in Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics (2003), ed. by

LaFollette, pp.734-61 Just and Unjust Wars, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed (2006) Michael Walzer

#### **Further Reading**

A.J. Coates The Ethics of War (1997)

Alex Bellamy Just Wars: From Cicero to Iraq (2006)



Geoffrey Best War and Law Since 1945 (1994).

Ian Clark Waging War: A Philosophical Introduction (1988).

C.A.J. Coady "Terrorism, Just War and Supreme Emergency," in Terrorism and

Justice: Moral Argument in a Threatened World, ed. by Coady and O"Keefe

(Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 2002), pp. 8-21. War, Aggression and Self-Defence, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Cambridge, 2005). Yoram Dinstein (editor) Just War Theory: A Reappraisal (Edinburgh, 2005). Mark Evans

Robert Holmes On War and Morality (1989)

Michael Howard, George J. Andreopoulos, and Mark R. Shulman (editors) The Laws of

War. Constraints on Warfare in the Western World (1994).

James Turner Johnson Morality & Contemporary Warfare (1999).

David Luban 'Just War and Human Rights', Philosophy & Public Affairs (1980),

pp.160-181

David Luban The Romance of the Nation-State', Philosophy & Public Affairs (1980),

p.392-397 [reply to Walzer]

'Intervention and Civilization: Some Unhappy Lessons of the David Luban

> Kosovo War' in Global Justice and Transnational Politics: Essays on the Moral and Political Challenges of Globalization, ed. by De Greiff and

Cronin (2002), pp. 79-115.

(editor) The Ethics of War and Peace: Religious and Secular Perspectives Terry Nardin

(1996)

Brian Orend Michael Walzer on War and Justice (2000)

Obeying Orders: Atrocity, Military Discipline & the Law of War (1999). Mark J. Osiel

'The Moral Standing of the State: A Response to Four Critics', Michael Walzer

Philosophy & Public Affairs (1980), pp. 209-229.

#### 4th Week Jus ad bellum: When to Fight? Debating Pre-emption and **Humanitarian Intervention**

This class will examine possible exceptions to the prohibition on the use of force in the UN Charter. Does a reasonable doctrine of state sovereignty ever permit (or indeed require) military intervention? If so, on what grounds and by what means? We will focus on two cases.

The first possibility deals with the question of whether force can legitimately be used to pre-empt attack (in some formulations, an extension on the right of self-defence).

The second debate centres on whether force should ever be used to protect human rights, and, if so, under what conditions.

#### Question a: May a state legitimately use force to pre-empt attack?

#### Question b: Does the legitimacy of intervention for humanitarian purposes depend on who is doing the intervening?

#### Core Reading on (a)

Allen Buchanan and Robert Keohane 'The Preventive Use of Force: A Cosmopolitan

Institutional Proposal", Ethics and International Affairs 18:1 (2004)

Striking First: Preemption and Prevention in International Conflict (2011), Michael Doyle

edited and introduced by S. Macedo

David Luban 'Preventive War', Philosophy & Public Affairs 32:3 (2004).



Henry Shue and David Rodin (eds). Preemption: Military Action and Moral Justification (2009) [This is available online at SOLO], Chapters 5, 6 and 9

#### Core Reading on (b)

Simon Caney *Justice Beyond Borders* (2005), chapter 7

'Paradoxes in humanitarian intervention' in Richard Price, ed., Moral Martha Finnemore

Limit and Possibility in World Politics (2008), pp. 197-224. [Hum. Int.]

J.L Holzgrefe & Robert Keohane, eds. Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal, and Political

*Dilemmas* (2003), Chapters by Teson and Franck

James Pattison Legitimacy and Humanitarian Intervention: Who should intervene? International

Journal of Human Rights 12 (3), pp. 395-413

Jennifer M Welsh Who Should Act? Collective Responsibility and the

> Responsibility to Protect' in W. Andy Knight and Frazer Egerton, eds. Routledge Handbook on the Responsibility to

*Protect*, (2012)

Nicholas J. Wheeler Saving Strangers: Humanitarian Intervention in International Society (2000),

Chapter 7

#### Further Reading

Alex Bellamy Responsibility to Protect: The Global Effort to End Mass Atrocities. 2009.

Alex Bellamy 'Responsibility to Protect or Trojan Horse? The Crisis in Darfur and

Humanitarian Intervention after Iraq', Ethics and International Affairs,

vol.19, (2005), pp. 31-53

Simon Chesterman Just War or Just Peace? Humanitarian Intervention and International Law

Aidan Hehir The Responsibility to Protect: Rhetoric, Reality and the Future

Humanitarian Intervention, 2012

International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty The Responsibility

Protect (2001) This is available at: http://www.iciss-ciise.gc.ca

[Website also contains background studies]

Anne Orford International Authority and the Responsibility to Protect (2011)

Oliver Ramsbotham and Tom Woodhouse. Humanitarian Intervention in Contemporary Conflict:

A Reconceptualization (1996).

Adam Roberts Humanitarian Action in War (1996), IISS Adelphi Paper 305.

'Humanitarian Intervention: An Overview of the Ethical Issues', Michael J.Smith

Ethics & International Affairs 12 (1998), pp. 63-79.

Kok-Chor Tan 'The Duty to Protect', in Terry Nardin and Melissa Williams,

NOMOS XLVII: Humanitarian Intervention (2006), pp.84-116.

Fernando R. Teson Humanitarian Intervention: An Inquiry into Law and Morality,

3rd edition

"The Politics of Rescue," *Dissent* (1995), pp. 35-41. *Humanitarian Intervention*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (2012) Michael Walzer

Thomas G. Weiss

(editor) Humanitarian Intervention and International Relations Jennifer Welsh

Introduction and Part One.

Jennifer M Welsh 'The Responsibility to Protect: Securing the Individual in International

Society', in Benjamin Goold and Liora Lazarus, eds., Security and

Human Rights (2007), pp. 363-83.

Human Rights and International Relations (1986), Chapters 3 R.J. Vincent

and 8



#### 5th Week Jus in bello: How to Fight?

This week looks at two issues relating to debates about the scope of *jus in bello* (the norms that govern the conduct of war). The first examines the status of combatants during war, and the debate over whether combatants on both the 'just' and 'unjust' side should enjoy equal rights and responsibilities. More generally, it considers the relationship between *ad bellum* and *in bello* rules in just war theory.

The second issue is the impact of the rise of air power during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and how in particular the practice of 'strategic bombing' transformed war by making it possible to lay waste to an adversary's society without first needing to defeat its military forces. Recent bombing campaigns represent contemporary efforts to perfect this practice with new weapons, including precision-guided and robotic ones, and new targeting doctrines. Given the historical evidence about the effectiveness of strategic bombing (Pape), for what ends – if any – can bombing be justified? Are just war norms affecting the kinds of weapons and targeting doctrines being developed (and vice versa)?

Question a: Would the revision of the principle of the 'moral equality of soldiers' erode or strengthen just war theory?'

Question b: To what extent does the status of an international norm limiting bombing depend on the effectiveness of bombing?

#### Core Reading (a)

Thomas Hurka 'Proportionality in the Morality of War', Philosophy & Public Affairs,

33:1 (2005)

Cecile Fabre Cosmopolitan War (2012), Chapters 2 and 7

Seth Lazar 'Responsibility, Risk and killing in Self-Defence', Ethics 119 (2009)

Jeff McMahan "The Ethics of Killing in War," Ethics 114 (2004).

David Rodin and Henry Shue (editors) Just and Unjust Warriors. The Moral and Legal Status of

Soldiers (2008), esp. Chapters by Rodin, McMahan, Shue and Roberts

#### Core Reading (b)

Tami Davis Biddle Rhetoric and Reality in Air Warfare (2002), pp. 264-301.

Michael Horowitz and Dan Reiter When Does Aerial Bombing Work? Quantitative

Empirical Tests, 1917-1999,' Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 45, no. 2

(April 2001), pp.147-173'

Helen Kinsella The Image before the Weapon: A Critical History of the Distinction between

Combatant and Civilian (2011), Chapters 5 and 8

Robert Pape Bombing to Win: Air Power and Coercion in War (1996)

ThomasWard Victory by Duress: Civilian Infrastructure as a Target in Air

Campaigns', Security Studies 15: 1 (2006)

#### **Further Reading**

Joanna Bourke An Intimate History of Killing (2006)

Caleb Carr The Lessons of Terror: A History of Warfare Against Civilians: Why It Has

Always Failed and Why It Will Fail Again (2002).

Stephen Garrett Ethics and Airpower in World War II (1993)

Jonathan Glover Humanity: A Moral History of the Twentieth Century (2001), 64-116



Human Rights Watch Off Target: The Conduct of War and Civilian Casualties in Iraq (2003)

and War', Philosophy & Public Affairs, vol.33 no.2 (2005).

Martin Shaw

The New Western Way of War: Risk-Transfer War and the Crisis in Iraq (2005)

Nancy Sherman

The Untold War: Inside the Hearts, Minds and Souls of our Soldiers (2010)

Henry Shue and David Wippman, 'Limiting Attacks on Dual-Use Facilities Performing

Indispensable Civilian Functions', Cornell International Law Journal 35: 3

(2002)

B.J. Strawser 'Moral Predators: The Duty to Employ Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles',

Journal of Military Ethics, Vol. 9, No. 4 (2010), pp. 342-368.

Benjamin Valentino et al, "Covenants without the Sword": International Law and the

Protection of Civilians in Times of War', World Politics 58:3 (2006)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Week Jus post bellum

Just war theory has focused primarily on the question of just cause and just conduct. But do judgments about the justice of war also depend upon the way in which the victors pursue peace? As a result of the ambitious plans for post-conflict reconstruction that have accompanied recent wars, many normative theorists have turned their attention to this question of 'jus post bellum'. Do the responsibilities of victory demand only short-term compensation, or do they also extend to the creation of regimes which are more just? How can the latter be reconciled with the principle of self-determination? What constraints – if any – should be placed on the means by which victors pursue post war justice?

#### Core reading

Bass, Gary J. 'Jus Post Bellum', Philosophy & Public Affairs, 32: 4 (2004).

Bellamy, Alex. 'The responsibilities of victory: Jus Post Bellum and the Just War', Review of International Studies, 34: 4 (2008).

Feldman, Noah. What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation-building (2006).

Lazar, Seth. 'Endings and Aftermath in the Ethics of War' (2010), unpublished paper on file with Course provider

Mollendorf, Darrell. "Jus Ex Bello," Journal of Political Philosophy 16:2 (2008).

Orend, Brian. 'Justice after War', Ethics and International Affairs 16:1 (2002).

Walzer, Michael. 'Just and Unjust Occupations', Dissent (Winter 2004).

Special Issue of Ethics and International Affairs, 'Postwar Justice and the Responsibility to Rebuild', 23: 2 (2009). Articles by Gheciu/Welsh, Evans, Recchia

#### **Further Reading**

Caplan, Richard. International Governance of War-torn Territories: Rule and Reconstruction (2005).

Chandler, David. Empire in Denial: The Politics of Statebuilding. 2006.



Chesterman, Simon. You, the People: The United Nations, Transitional Administration, and State-Building. 2004.

Elshtain, Jean Bethke, 'The Ethics of Fleeing: What America Still Owes Iraq', World Affairs, Spring 2008.

Iasiello, Louis V., 'Jus Post Bellum: The Moral Responsibilities of Victors in War', *Naval War College Review*, 57:3 (2004).

Paris, Roland. At War's End. Building Peace after Civil Conflict. 2004.

Rengger, Nicholas. 'The Judgment of War', Review of International Studies, 31:5 (2005).

Roberts, Adam. 'Transformative Military Occupation: Applying the Law of War and Human

Rights', American Journal of International Law, 2006.

Stahn, Carsten and Jann K. Kleffner (eds.), Jus Post Bellum: Towards a Law of Transition from Conflict to Peace (2008).

Zaum, Dominik. *The Sovereignty Paradox* (2006).

# Part C: Pluralism and Cosmopolitanism

7th Week The Case for Pluralism

In *The Law of Peoples* John Rawls attempts to adapt ideas developed for a single society to the international arena. Yet, this exercise in 'ideal theory" differs quite substantially from his earlier works. Central to his "realistic utopia" is the acceptance of a diverse collection of societies, some of which represent what he calls "the fact of reasonable pluralism" and some of which represent a kind of further unreasonable pluralism, but all of whom are to be treated in a principled manner by liberal societies. The positions on justice worked out by David Miller and Michael Walzer constitute important and challenging alternatives to Rawls in both substance and method, but they share the belief in the moral significance of diverse communities. Within the discipline of IR, this emphasis on the value of pluralism is developed and applied in the work of Hedley Bull and Robert Jackson.

Question: "Pluralism claims to provide order and to respect the diversity of states and peoples, but in doing so it sacrifices the rights of individuals." Discuss.

#### Core Reading

Allen Buchanan 'Rawls's Law of Peoples: Rules for a Vanished Westphalian World',

Ethics (2000), pp. 697-721.

David Miller National Responsibility and Global Justice (2007) [available online with

SOLO], Chapters 1, 4 and 9

John Rawls The Law of Peoples with "The Idea of Public Reason Revisited" (1999)

Michael Walzer 'Governing the Globe', Dissent (2000),

pp.44-52

#### Core reading (IR pluralism)



Hedley Bull 'Justice in International Relations, [1983 Hagey Lectures], reprinted in

Hedley Bull on International Society (2000), ed. by Alderson & Hurrell, pp.

206-45.

Robert Jackson The Global Covenant. Human Conduct in a World of States (2000) [available

online with SOLO]

**Further Reading** 

Brian Barry Liberty and Justice: Essays in Political Theory 2 (1991), pp. 9-22. Brian

Barry *Theories of Justice* (1989), pp. 183-189.

Charles R. Beitz 'Rawls's Law of Peoples', Ethics (2000), pp.669-696

Hedley Bull 'Human Rights and World Politics' in Moral Claims in World Affairs

(1979), ed. by Pettman, pp. 79-91.

Hedley Bull 'The State's Positive Role in World Affairs', Daedalus, 18 (1979), pp.

111-123; rept. in Hedley Bull on International Society, ed. by Alderson and

Hurrell, pp. 139-56.

Simon Caney 'Survey article: Cosmopolitanism and the Law of Peoples', Journal of

Political Philosophy, vol.10 (2002)

Samuel Freeman The Law of Peoples, Social Cooperation, Human Rights, and

Distributive Justice', Social Philosophy and Policy, 23: 1 (2006)

Aaron James 'Constructing Justice for Existing Practice: Rawls and the Status Quo',

Philosophy & Public Affairs, 33: 4 (2005).

Andrew Kuper 'Rawlsian Global Justice: Beyond *The Law of Peoples* to a Cosmopolitan

Law of Persons', Political Theory (2000).

Thomas Pogge 'Critical Study: Rawls on International Justice', The Philosophical

Quarterly (2001).

Thomas Pogge "The Incoherence between Rawls"s Theories of Justice," Fordham Law

Review, LXXII (2004).

John Rawls Political Liberalism, Aug. Ed. (1996), pp.47-62 [as background for

understanding the logic of Rawls's international ethics]

## 8<sup>th</sup> Week Cosmopolitanism

In the last 30 years a number of defences of a cosmopolitan approach have been given. These authors all argue, in different ways, that what matters is pluralism for individuals – not societies. Yet they differ in what they retain and reject from the Rawlsian heritage and carve out different directions for post-Rawlsian theories of international justice. How defensible is the cosmopolitan approach? Does it give a satisfactory account of global political morality? Does it accord enough significance to nationality and civic membership – and to concepts like patriotism and loyalty? If individuals have universal civil, political and economic rights, who are the duty-bearers? If cosmopolitanism is inadequate must we thereby adopt a wholly statist approach? Is 'cosmopolitanism' still a useful concept or are we all, in some sense, cosmopolitans?

Question: "Given globalization, principles of distributive justice should apply at the global level." Discuss



#### **Core Reading**

Charles R. Beitz 'Social and Cosmopolitan Liberalism', *International Affairs* (1999). Charles R. Beitz *Political Theory and International Relations*, Rev. Ed. (1999), Part III

Simon Caney Justice Beyond Borders. A Global Political Theory (2005), Chapters 1, 2 and

4

Thomas Pogge World Poverty and Human Rights: Cosmopolitan Responsibilities and Reforms

(2002/2008), Chapters 4 and 8

Thomas Pogge 'Severe Poverty as a Violation of Negative Duties: Reply to the

Critics', Ethics & International Affairs 19:1 (2005).

Mathias Risse 'How Does the Global Order Harm the Poor?, *Philosophy &* 

Public Affairs, 33: 4 (Fall 2005), pp. 349-76. [response to Pogge]

#### **Further Reading**

Daniele Archibugi, David Held, & Martin Kohler (eds) Re-imagining Political Community: Studies

in Cosmopolitan Democracy (1998)

Christian Barry and Thomas W. Pogge (eds) Global Institutions and Responsibilities: Achieving

Global Justice (Blackwell, 2005).

Christian Barry and Laura Valentini, "Egalitarian Challenges to Global Egalitarianism: A

Critique", Review of International Studies, 35 (2009).

Michael Blake 'Distributive Justice, State Coercion, and Autonomy', *Philosophy and* 

Public Affairs 30:3 (2001), pp.257-296

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# Part D: New Challenges in Normative Theory

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