

## Term Information

Effective Term Autumn 2014

## General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Political Science  
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Political Science - D0755  
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences  
Level/Career Undergraduate  
Course Number/Catalog 3460  
Course Title Global Justice  
Transcript Abbreviation Global Justice  
Course Description This course examines the idea of justice between states and among the people of the world. What would a just world look like? How should we live in our unjust world? Current debates about war, the environment, diversity and poverty will be considered.  
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

## Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week  
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never  
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No  
Grading Basis Letter Grade  
Repeatable No  
Course Components Lecture  
Grade Roster Component Lecture  
Credit Available by Exam No  
Admission Condition Course No  
Off Campus Never  
Campus of Offering Columbus

## Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites  
Exclusions

## Cross-Listings

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## Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 45.1001  
Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course  
Intended Rank Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior

## Quarters to Semesters

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New course

### Give a rationale statement explaining the purpose of the new course

Within political theory, global justice is one of the most active areas of research as theorists consider how liberal and egalitarian views of domestic justice might be extended or revised in light of international relations.

### Sought concurrence from the following Fiscal Units or College

## Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

## Course Details

### Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Skills: critical thinking about justice, incl. what it is and what obligations it entails; critical thinking about particular issue areas, incl. ability to make use of the concepts of the just war tradition; ability to apply concepts to specific cases
- Knowledge: history of international political thought; tradition of just war thinking; normative issues about climate change, international diversity, human rights practice, and global poverty

### Content Topic List

- History of international political thought, including skepticism about the possibility of international political justice; the tradition of just war theory; human rights; climate change; global poverty

## Attachments

- POLITSC3460Syllabus.pdf: syllabus

*(Syllabus. Owner: Smith, Charles William)*

## Comments

- Global justice is an important topic in contemporary political theory and in the practice of contemporary politics itself. Within political theory, global justice is one of the most active areas of research as theorists consider how liberal and egalitarian views of domestic justice might be extended or revised in light of international relations. Within world politics, questions of justice are urgent and increasingly prominent. Particularly interesting and important are questions concerning justice in war and humanitarian intervention; justice and the environment, especially in relation to climate change; fairness in global governance; and global poverty and inequality. The Political Science Department has recently hired a scholar who specializes in these areas of study. *(by Smith, Charles William on 03/25/2013 03:36 PM)*

## Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Smith, Charles William	03/25/2013 04:10 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Herrmann, Richard Karl	08/07/2013 10:39 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Haddad, Deborah Moore	08/08/2013 10:23 AM	College Approval
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# Political Science 3460: Global Justice

WF 2:20-3:40 Fall Semester, 2013

Ohio State University

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## Course Description

Is it possible to achieve global justice? What would such a world look like and what does this tell us about how to live today in our own unjust world? These important questions motivate this political theory course about the possibility of justice between states and among the people of the world. To show that these questions are not idle or utopian, the course examines particular issue areas relevant to political debates today. Specifically, we will ask about how states should conduct their foreign policy in an unjust world, including decisions about war and humanitarian intervention, and students will be asked to apply relevant theories to cases including Iraq, Libya, and Syria. We will investigate whether the world's cultural diversity should change what we expect of other peoples as well as the role that global environmental issues should play in international politics. Special attention is paid to the question of poverty and global inequality and students will be asked to reflect on how these issues bear on the choices that they face as citizens and political actors.

## Course Requirements

Grades will be based on two short essays of about 1,500-2,000 words (33% each) and a final exam (33%). In addition, class attendance and active participation are expected. Final grades will be adjusted up or down by as much as one-third of a grade for exceptionally good or poor participation.

## Required Texts

Most of the readings for this course will be available as online e-reserve files, but the following books are required and should be available for purchase at the OSU bookstores:

Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations* (4<sup>th</sup> edition; New York: Basic Books, 2006)

Immanuel Kant, *To Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch* (Trans. Ted Humphrey; Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2003)

*International Ethics: A Philosophy & Public Affairs Reader* (Eds. Charles R. Beitz, Marshall Cohen, Thomas Scanlon, and A. John Simmons; Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990)

## Course Policies

Disabilities: Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307; TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohiostate.edu>

### Academic Misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct: [http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource\\_csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp)

### Late Work

Papers will be penalized 1/3 of a grade for each day they are late (ie, a B+ becomes a B). Extensions will be granted only in the case of documented illnesses or personal emergencies. I do not accept papers more than 3 days late.

### Course Schedule:

#### **Week 1: What is a State?**

Wed 8/21 Introductory Lecture

Fri 8/23 Thucydides, The Melian Conference, from *The History of the Peloponnesian War* bk. V, paras. 84-116 [e-reserve]

Max Weber, ‘Politics as a Vocation’, in *From Max Weber* [e-reserve]

#### **Week 2: How Must States Relate?**

Wed 8/28 Immanuel Kant, *To Perpetual Peace: A Philosophical Sketch*

Fri 8/30 Marshall Cohen, “Moral Skepticism and International Relations,” in *International Ethics (IE)*

#### **Week 3: Just War I - Concepts and History**

Wed 9/4 Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, ch.1-2

Fri 9/6 Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, ch.3-4

#### **Week 4: Just War II - Intervention**

Wed 9/11 David Luban, “Just War and Human Rights” in *IE*, 195-216

Fri 9/13 Walzer, “The Moral Standing of States” (1980), in *IE*, 217-37  
Luban, “The Romance of the Nation–State” (1980), in *IE*, 238–43

#### **Week 5: Just War III - Applications**

Wed 9/18 Walzer: *Just and Unjust Wars*, ch.5-6

Fri 9/20 *The Iraq Study Group Report: Executive Summary and Part I (Assessment)*.  
The National Security Strategy of the United States (March 2006)

Fri 9/20 (cont) Daniel L. Byman, Michael Doran, Kenneth M. Pollack and Salman Shaikh  
“Saving Syria: Assessing Options for Regime Change,” Brookings Middle East  
Memo No. 21

### **Week 6: The Theory and Practice of Human Rights**

Mon 9/23 First Paper Due

Wed 9/25 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)  
Joshua Cohen, “Minimalism About Human Rights: The Most We Can Hope  
For?” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12, 2 (2004), pages 190-213

Fri 9/27 Charles Beitz, “Human Rights as a Common Concern,” *American Political  
Science Review* 95, 2 (June 2001), pp. 269-282.

### **Week 7: Human Rights and Cultural Diversity**

Wed 10/2 Daniel A. Bell, “The East Asian Challenge to Human Rights: Reflections on an  
East West Dialogue” *Human Rights Quarterly* Vol. 18 No. 3 (1996), pages 641-  
667 [e-reserve]

Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im, “Universality of Human Rights: An Islamic  
Perspective,” in *Japan and International Law*, pages 311-25 [e-reserve]

Fri 10/4 Susan Moller Okin, “Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?” and responses by Will  
Kymlicka, Yael Tamir, Bhiku Parekh, and Homi Bhabha in *Is Multiculturalism  
Bad for Women?* (Princeton University Press, 1999), pages 7-27, 31-34, 47-52,  
69-75, 79-84 [e-reserve]

### **Week 8: Justice and the Environment**

Wed 10/9 Simon Caney, “Cosmopolitan Justice, Responsibility, and Global Climate  
Change” *Leiden Journal of International Law* Vol 18 No 4 (2005), pages 747-775  
Garret Hardin, “The Tragedy of the Commons” *Science* Vol. 162 (1968), pages  
1243-1248 [e-reserves]

Fri 10/13 Peter Singer: *One World*, ch.2 [e-reserve]

### **Week 9: Global Government? Global Governance?**

Wed 10/16 David Held, “Cosmopolitanism: Globalization Tamed?” *Review of International  
Studies* Vol. 29 (2003), 465-80 [e-reserve]

Fri 10/18 Robert Dahl, “Can International Organizations Be Democratic? A Skeptic’s  
View,” in I. Shapiro and C. Hacker-Cordon, eds. *Democracy’s Edges*, pp. 19-36  
[e-reserve]

### **Week 10: Poverty and Inequality I - Extreme Poverty**

Wed 10/23 Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, Chapter 4 [e-reserve]

Fri 10/25 Thomas Pogge, “‘Assisting’ the Global Poor,” in *The Ethics of Assistance*, 260-88  
Mattias Risse, “Do We Owe the Global Poor Assistance or Rectification?,” *Ethics  
& International Affairs* 19:1 (2005), 9-18 [e-reserve]

**Week 11: Poverty and Inequality II - Inequality**

Wed 10/30 Thomas Nagel, "The Problem of Global Justice," *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 33 (2005), 113-47 [e-reserve]

Fri 11/1 Joshua Cohen and Charles Sabel, "Extra Rempublicam Nulla Justitia?," *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 34 (2006), 147-75 [e-reserve]

**Week 12: Poverty and Inequality III - Colonialism and Imperialism**

Mon 11/4 Second Paper Due

Wed 11/6 Hannah Arendt, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, Chapter 9 [e-reserve]

Fri 11/8 Lea Ypi, Robert E. Goodin, and Christian Barry, "Associative Duties, Global Justice and the Colonies" *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 37 (2009), 103-135 [e-reserve]

**Week 13: Poverty and Inequality IV - Applications**

Wed 11/13 Sidney Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism* (Cambridge UP, 2005), Chapters 9, 11 [e-reserve]

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders* (Cornell UP, 1998), Chapter 1 [e-reserve]

Fri 11/15 Iris Marion Young, "Responsibility and Global Justice: A Social Connection Model" *Social Philosophy and Policy* 23 (2006):102-130 [e-reserve]

Pew Case Study: "Sweating the Swoosh: Nike, the Globalization of Sneakers, and the Question of Sweatshop Labor." [e-reserve]

**Week 14: What's Next?**

Wed 11/20 Jürgen Habermas, "The European Nation State: On the Past and Future of the European Nation State," from *The Inclusion of the Other* [e-reserve]

Carl Schmitt, *The Concept of the Political* (excerpt) [e-reserve]

Fri 11/22 Final Session Review

**Final Exam** – Exam Week 12/5-12/11