

BCL/MJur jurisprudence and political theory Law and the state (John Gardner & Tony Honoré)

THESE seminars take place from 5.15pm to 6.45pm on Fridays starting in MT week 1 (13 October 2017). NB: after many years at All Souls College the seminars now take place at St Hugh's College (MGA Lecture Room). The 5.15pm start is to give you extra time to get there. These seminars do not continue into HT.

The idea is to focus on the 'political theory' aspects of the course, without losing sight of political theory's debts and contributions to law and legal thought. We will be reading just one or two essays or extracts per week, and giving them close attention in class. For the first couple of weeks we (Tony and John) will nominate the readings and make the introductory comments ourselves. After that we will be looking for suggestions and introductory comments from student volunteers. In the past those who took advantage of this opportunity to lead class discussions early in the year found the experience extremely helpful when they came to write their assessed Jurisprudence and Political Theory essays at Easter. See previous years' reading lists (url below) to get ideas for readings.

There are other seminars available to Jurisprudence and Political Theory students in MT and in HT. They all cover their own ground in their own way. You are at liberty to shop around for the approaches you find most effective and interesting. There is no core seminar.

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Readings

Week 1: J. Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (1971, revised edition 1999), [ch 1](#)
Introduced by John Gardner

Week 2: F. A. Hayek, *Law, Legislation, and Liberty* (1973, revised edition 1982), [ch 8](#)
Introduced by Tony Honoré

Week 3: R. Nozick, *Anarchy, State and Utopia* (1974), [pp149-182](#)
Introduced by Alexandra Varga

Week 4: I. Berlin, '[Two Concepts of Liberty](#)' (1958) in his collection *Liberty* (2002)
Introduced by Yuxue Fang and Jake Lewis

Week 5: C. Mills, '[Retrieving Rawls for Racial Justice](#)' in his *Black Rights/White Wrongs* (2017)
Introduced by Jasper Gold and Clara Hurley

Week 6: G.A. Cohen, '[On the Currency of Egalitarian Justice](#)', *Ethics* 99 (1989), 906
Introduced by Andreas Vasileiou

Week 7: S.M. Okin, '[Reason and Feeling in Thinking about Justice](#)', *Ethics* 99 (1989), 229
Introduced by Madeleine Salinger & Davy Lalor

Week 8: C. Mouffe, *On The Political* (2005), [ch 2](#)
Introduced by Nathan Van Wees & Dhairya Patel