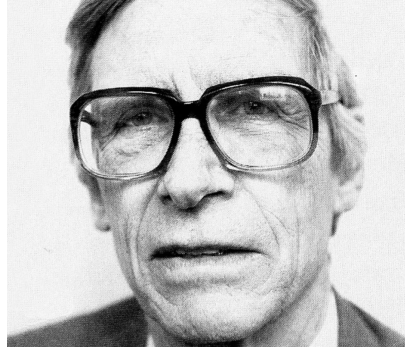


Spring 2019

Contemporary Political Philosophy

PSC 312 / PHL 312

In a search for the principles structures that accommodate this course in contemporary with the life's work of **John Rawls**, *Justice, Political Liberalism*, summarized and examined by *John Rawls*), before turning most prominent critics (e.g.



Rorty, Habermas, and MacIntyre), followed by a fuller exploration of the theory (and suggested practices) behind **deliberative democracy** (through the work of American Pragmatist Robert Talisse and political theorists Ackerman and Fishkin).

of a just society — and the them in a pluralistic society, political philosophy will begin **Rawls** (looking at *A Theory of* and *The Law of People's* as Catherine Audard in her book to a survey of some of Rawls' **Nozick, Galston, Dworkin,**



The course will wrap up with researched, student presentations aiming to apply our theoretical discussion to the critical evaluation of a variety of concrete proposals for reforming our democracy such as (but not limited to): alternative methods for voting, nonpartisan districting commissions, proportional representation, public interest broadcast requirements, election day holiday, public financing of campaigns, ballot access reform, abolishing the electoral college, reshaping the senate, voter referenda, term limits, automatic voter registration, felon voting rights restoration, or civics education in high schools.

Required Texts:

Voice, Paul. *Rawls Explained: From Fairness to Utopia*. Open Court, 2011. ISBN: 9780812696806.

Talisse, Robert. *Democracy After Liberalism: Pragmatism and Deliberative Politics*. Routledge, 2004. ISBN: 9780415950190.

Ackerman + Fishkin. *Deliberation Day*. Yale UP, 2005. ISBN: 9780300109641.

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