Cosmopolitanism and Global Justice
Lecturer: Zoltán Miklósi
No. of credits: 4
Status: for M.A. students
Teaching format: Lecture with class discussion and student presentations
Assessment: final paper (40%), midterm exam (30%), presentation (15%), participation (15%)
Academic year: 2016/2017
Term: Fall
Goals: Familiarizing with the main theoretical approaches to the problem of global distributive justice and international legitimacy, human rights, immigration and just war theory; enabling students to characterize and evaluate familiar international political and economic facts and developments in the terms of these theoretical accounts.
Learning outcomes: improving analytical skills through understanding, presenting and discussing complex theories, enhancing the ability to construct and evaluate normative arguments.

This course explores some of the central issues of political morality as they apply at the international level. Traditionally, political theory has discussed the problems of the relationship between the state and its citizens. In recent decades, its scope has been expanded to cover the morality of the relation between states, and especially the relation between persons globally. These questions include, among others, the problems of global poverty and inequality, the legitimacy of international institutions, the basis of human rights, the morality of war and humanitarian intervention, and the morality of international migration. The first part of this course will be dedicated to the discussion of global distributive justice, or the ground and extent of the duties of individuals and political institutions to attend to the facts of global economic inequality. We will examine different versions of the thesis that our duties of justice are restricted to our fellow-citizens. Then we turn to various arguments aiming to show that the obligations of distributive justice apply globally. In the next part of the course, we take up the issue of international legitimacy: some authors argue that under the circumstances of global economic integration, the scope of collective political decision-making ought to include everyone who is affected by these decisions, and therefore the system of democratic nation-states is no longer satisfactory from a normative point of view. Others argue that the various conditions that are required for democratic decision-making to be legitimate are absent at the international level, and therefore transnational democracy is not desirable. Finally, we examine more specific issues in international political morality. We discuss the theory of human rights, traditional just war theory and its revisionist critique, and various approaches to the problem of immigration.

Requirements: students are required to read carefully all assigned readings and to actively participate in class discussions. Each student will present one assigned reading in class (max. 15 minutes). There will be a midterm examination and a final paper. The choice of the topic for the final paper has to be approved by the instructor by December 1.

Office hours: (by appointment)

Week 1: Overview and the Problem of Justified Priority of Compatriots
Readings:
- Branko Milanovic, *Global Inequality* (Harvard University Press, 2016), ch 1, pp. 10-45;
Week 2: Arguments against Partiality
Readings:
- Pogge, “The Bounds of Nationalism,” in *World Poverty and Human Rights*, 118-145

Week 3: The grounds of justice: the associational approach
Readings:
- Charles Beitz, *Political Theory and International Relations* (1979), 125-169

Week 4: The grounds of justice – the non-associational approach
Readings:
- Simon Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders* (Oxford University Press, 2005), ch. 4;

Week 5: Justice and Coercion
Readings:

Week 6: Midterm exam

Week 7: Human Rights: Foundational or “practical”?

Week 8: Transnational Democracy: The “All Affected Interests” Principle and its Critics
Readings:

Thomas Christiano, “Democratic Legitimacy and International Institutions” (unpublished lecture, 2008)

**Week 9: The morality of war: Ius ad bellum**

Readings:
- Helen Frowe, *The Ethics of War and Peace* (Routledge, 2011), pp. 50-71;
- Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, pp. 21-33, 51-58, 86-108;

**Week 10: The morality of war: Ius in bello**

Readings:
- Frowe, pp. 118-139;
- Walzer, pp. 34-50;

**Week 11: Immigration**

Readings:

Recommended:
- Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*, pp. 31-63;

**Week 12: Immigration cont., final exam**

Readings: