

Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University

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CRP 3011/6011 Ethics, Development, & Globalization (3 Credit Hours)

Meeting Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:55 – 4:10 PM

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In this 21st Century of the common era, we have all become increasingly interconnected and interdependent. Daily activities in which we engage affect people living half a world away and will affect generations to come. The traceability of the impacts of our actions or failures to act weighs heavily upon us and contributes to a growing cosmopolitan belief that, in the words of Onora O’Neill, “justice is owed to all, regardless of location or origin, race or gender, class or citizenship.” Just *what does* justice consist in? *What* exactly—practically speaking—is owed to all? And how is justice to be brought about?

Development Ethics and *Global Ethics* (or Ethics of Globalization) are recently emergent fields of inquiry that deal with questions such as these. The expanding literatures in these fields are rich with implications, challenges, and practical advice for policy makers, planners, and international development professionals. The purpose of this seminar is to provide an opportunity to survey some of the most important classic and recent contributions to these literatures and examine at first hand their power to illuminate such issues as the nature of human/social/economic development, poverty and human rights, globalization and local autonomy, anthropogenic climate change and development, immigration policy and treatment of refugees, economic/social/political inequality, and humanitarian intervention and just wars.

Seminar Objectives

Students who complete this seminar satisfactorily will gain substantive knowledge of the issues examined. They will also gain familiarity with different approaches to ethical argumentation and become educated consumers of ethical analyses of contemporary problems in which these approaches are employed. Students completing this course satisfactorily will also meet several broader learning objectives of the Graduate Field of City and Regional Planning and the Planning Accreditation Board. These objectives include acquiring *skills in the areas of research, written and oral communication, planning process methods, and leadership*, becoming acquainted with the *purpose and meaning of planning*, and *global dimensions of planning*, as well as *principles of sustainability and environmental quality, and social justice*.¹

Seminar Organization

We will meet twice a week in true seminar fashion. At each meeting we will review the arguments of the authors of the meeting’s assigned readings, critique these arguments, and apply them to ethical issues that arise in the contexts of international development and globalization. Students will occasionally be asked to consider case studies and argue for or against specific propositions using material from the assigned readings. Students may also be asked to present readings on specific issues.

Prerequisites

This seminar is open to graduate and third- and fourth-year undergraduate students. There are no explicit prerequisites for this seminar, although most students will find having taken a course in ethics helpful. While this is a seminar in applied ethics and will involve secondary literature, we will, for the most part, be reading primary sources. I will distribute notes to guide your reading.

¹ Objective measures indicating degree of attainment of conceptual and practical knowledge in the targeted areas include satisfactory performance on take-home exams, an analytical paper, and discussion of materials in seminar.

Attendance Policy

The seminar meets from 2:55 PM until 4:10 PM twice a week. *Attendance is required over the entire one hour and 15-minute meeting time.* Seminars only work if there are participants; participants *can* and *should* hold each other accountable. More than two unexcused absences will result in a grade reduction. More than four unexcused absences will result in an expulsion from the course.

Seminar Requirements

In addition to attending the seminar regularly, preparing diligently for discussions, and engaging actively in discussions, each student will be required to complete the following assignments:

- a short take-home mid-term examination
- a short take-home final examination
- a 10- to 12-page paper (12- to 15-page paper for graduate students) applying seminar material to a topic of the student's choice.

Grading

The weight carried by each seminar requirement in the determination of the student's final grade will be as follows: mid-term exam, 25%; final exam, 25%; topical paper, 25%, and preparation for and participation in the seminar meetings, 25%.

Academic Integrity

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the Cornell University Code of Academic Integrity. (See <http://www.cornell.edu/UniversityFaculty/docs/main.html>.) Any work submitted by a student in this course for academic credit will be the student's own work.

Texts

The following texts will be available from Cornell Store (or from online sources otherwise indicated) and will be on reserve at the Fine Arts Library in Rand Hall. (Other assigned readings will be made available through Blackboard.)

Richard Baldwin, *The Great Convergence: Information Technology and the New Globalization*, Cambridge, MA: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2016.

Pope Francis, *Enciclica Laudato Si*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016. Available at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Des Gasper, *The Ethics of Development*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2004.

Richard W. Miller, *Globalizing Justice: The Ethics of Poverty and Power*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Martha C. Nussbaum, *Frontiers of Justice: Disability, Nationality, Species Membership*, Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2006.

Onora O'Neill, *Towards Justice and Virtue*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

John Rawls, *The Law of Peoples*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999.

Joseph E. Stiglitz, *The Price of Inequality*, New York: Norton, 2012.

United Nations Resolution A/RES/70/1 adopted by the General Assembly: 9/25/15. *Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf>

World Development Report 2010: *Development and Climate Change*, Washington, D.C.: IBRD/The World Bank, 2010. Available at <http://www.worldbank.org/wdr>.

Meetings and Readings

8/22 Organizational Meeting

8/24 Development, Globalization and the Need for a Cosmopolitan Ethics

Bernard Williams, "Modernity and the Substance of Ethical Life," in his *In the Beginning was the Deed*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005, 40-51.

Michael Ignatieff, "Human Rights, Global Ethics, and the Ordinary Virtues," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2017, **31(1)**: 3-16.

Des Gasper, "Beyond the International Relations Framework: An Essay in Descriptive Ethics," *The Journal of Ethics and Globalization*, 2005, **1**:5-23.

Kwame Anthony Appiah, "The Case for Contamination (No to purity. No to tribalism. No to cultural protectionism. Toward a new cosmopolitanism.)," *The New York Times Magazine*, January 1, 2006, 30-37, 52.

8/29 & 8/31 Universalism, Particularism, and Constructivism

Onora O'Neill, *Towards Justice and Virtue*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996, Chapters 1 & 2, 9-65.

9/5 & 9/7 Action, Principles, and the Scope of Ethical Concern

O'Neill (1996), Chapters 3 & 4, 66-121.

9/12 & 9/14 Obligations and Rights, Justice and Virtue

O'Neill (1996), Chapters 5, 6 & 7, 122-212.

(For alternative perspectives on cosmopolitan ethics see:

Seyla Benhabib, *Another Cosmopolitanism*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2006, 13-80.

Kwame Anthony Appiah, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a world of strangers*, New York: W. W. Norton, 2006.)

- 9/19 & 9/21 Conditions of International Justice
- Immanuel Kant, "Towards Perpetual Peace," in his *Practical Philosophy*, (Translated and edited by Mary J. Gregor), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996, 313-351.
- An International Contractualist Theory of Justice
- John Rawls (1999), Parts I-IV, 3-122.
- Onora O'Neill, "Bounded and Cosmopolitan Justice," *Review of International Studies*, 2000, **26**: 45-60.
- (For an alternative perspective on Contractualism see:
- Thomas M. Scanlon, *What We Owe to Each Other*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1998, Chapters 4 & 5, 147-247.)
- 9/26 & 9/28 The Transnational Social Contract and Capabilities across Boundaries
- Martha Nussbaum (2006), Chapters 4 & 5, 224-324.
- Alison Jagger, "'Saving Amina': Global Justice for Women and Intercultural Dialogue," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2005, **19(3)**: 55-75.
- 10/3 & 10/5 The Meaning and Evaluation of Development
- Des Gasper, "Development Ethics – Why? What? How? A formulation of the field," *Journal of Global Ethics*, 2012, 1-19.
- Des Gasper (2004), Chapters 1-3.
- [Class will not meet on October 10th during the fall break.]
- 10/12 & 10/17 Equity, Security, and Needs
- Gasper (2004), Chapters 4-6.
- 10/19 & 10/24 Ethics of Development
- Gasper (2004), Chapters 7-9.
- 10/26 World Poverty and Human Rights
- United Nations, *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, 1948. Available at http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Documents/UDHR_Translations/eng.pdf
- Miller (2010), Chapters 1 & 2.
- Ravi Kanbur, "Can a Country be a Donor and a Recipient of Aid?" <http://kanbur.dyson.cornell.edu/papers/IGIDRSilverJubileePaper.pdf>

10/31 & 11/2 Globalization and Egalitarian Redistribution

Miller (2010), Chapter 3.

Pranab Bardhan, "Globalization and the Limits to Poverty Alleviation," in Pranab Bardhan, Samuel Bowles, and Michael Wallerstein (Eds.) *Globalization and Egalitarian Redistribution*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006, 10-32.

Baldwin (2016), all chapters.

(For a technical discussion of the economic feasibility of egalitarian redistribution in a globalized world economy, see

Samuel Bowles, "Egalitarian Redistribution in Globally Integrated Economies," in Bardhan et al. (2006), 120-147.)

11/7 Development and Climate Change (I)

World Development Report 2010: *Development and Climate Change*, Washington, D.C.: IBRD/World Bank, 2010, "Overview: Changing the Climate for Development," 1-36; "Chapter 1: Understanding the Links between Climate Change and Development," 37-69.

Des Gasper, Ana Victoria Portocarrero, Asuncion Lera St.Clair, 2013, "The framing of climate change and development: A comparative analysis of the Human Development Report 2007/8 and the World Development report 2010," *Global Environmental Change*, **23**: 28-39.

Miller (2010), Chapter 4.

Kieran P. Donaghy, 2007, "Climate Change and Planning: Responding to the Challenge," *Town Planning Review*, **78**:i-ix.

[The Seminar will not meet on November 9th because of conference attendance by instructor.]

11/14 Development and Climate Change (II)

United Nations Resolution A/RES/70/1 adopted by the General Assembly: 9/25/15. Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Graham Long, "The Idea of Universality in the Sustainable Development Goals," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2015, **29(2)**: 203-222.

Jay Drydyk, "Development Ethics and the 'Climate Migrants,'" *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, 2013, **16(1)**: 43-55.

Stephen Zacks, "Climate Change Displacement is Becoming the new Gentrification—Here's How to Stop It," *The Architect's Newspaper*, December 6, 2016. Available at <https://archpaper.com/2016/12/climate-change-displacement-gentrification/>

(Other readings of potential interest on the framing of the sustainable development goals:

Malcom Langford, "Lost in Transformation: The Politics of the Sustainable Development Goals," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2016, **30(2)**: 167-176.

Kate Donald and Sally-Anne Way, "Accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals: A Lost Opportunity?" *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2016, **30(2)**: 201-213.)

11/16 Equality and Inequality: Social and Economic Arguments

Amartya Sen, Chapter 1, "Equality of What?" in his *Inequality Reexamined*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1992, pp. 12-30.

Stiglitz (2012), Chapters 1-4.

Edward Anderson, "Equality as a Global Goal," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2016, **30(2)**: 189-200.

11/21 Equality and Inequality: Philosophical Arguments.

Harry Frankfurt, "Equality as a Moral Ideal," *Ethics*, 1987, **98(1)**: 21-43.

Elizabeth S. Anderson, "What is the Point of Equality?" *Ethics*, 1999, **109(2)**: 287-337.

[The seminar will not meet on 11/23, Thanksgiving Day.]

11/28 Humanitarian Intervention and Just Wars

Alex J. Bellamy, "Responsibility to Protect or Trojan Horse? The Crisis in Darfur and Humanitarian Intervention after Iraq," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2005, **19(2)**: 31-53.

Alex Wesley, "Toward a Realist Ethics of Intervention," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2005, **19(2)**: 55-72.

Alex J. Bellamy, "The Responsibility to Protect Turns Ten," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2015, **29(2)**: 161-185.

Eamon Aloyo, "Just War Theory and the Last of Last Resort," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2015, **29(2)**: 187-201.

Richard Beardsworth, "From Moral to Political Responsibility in a Globalized Age," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2015, **29(1)**: 71-92.

James Pattison, "The Ethics of Arming Rebels," *Ethics and International Affairs*, 2015, **29(4)**: 455-471.

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Ethics of Immigration and Just Treatment of Refugees

Jan Brezger, Andreas Cassee, and Anna Goppel, "The Ethics of Immigration in a Non-Ideal World: Introduction," *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 2016, **3(2)**: 135-140.

David Miller, "Justice in Immigration," *European Journal of Political Theory*, 2015, **14(4)**: 391-408.

David Owen, "Refugees, Fairness, and Taking up the Slack: On Justice and the International Refugee Regime," *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 2016, **3(2)**: 141-164.

Linda Bosniak, "Wrongs, Rights, and Regularization," *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 2016, **3(2)**: 187-222.