

PHIL 2800 Contemporary Political Philosophy

We will discuss theories about distributive justice. At one extreme is the view that any taxation for things other than defense is a theft of one's labour time. At the other extreme, is the view that all income and wealth should be equally distributed among citizens. In the middle, is the view that some inequalities should be allowed, especially if that benefits everyone. Some of the theorists we will read are G.A. Cohen, John Rawls, Robert Nozick, and John Roemer.

Two in-class tests and one short essay are required for this course.