

Prof. M. Lutz
Wednesday 7-9:45pm
Ethics

EPS 702-001
WRI C321

Course Description

This course focuses on the heritage of western culture in ethics of the person and community, questions of conscience, justice, moral conflict, citizenship, and the issues of consent and dissent. Work is historical and critical, first on interpretation and then evaluation leading to student presentations on a problem in ethics.

Reading Schedule

1. Aug. 31 Introduction
2. Sep. 7 Machiavelli. *Prince* Dedicatory letter, chapters 1-11
3. Sep. 14 Machiavelli *Prince* chapters 12-17
4. Sep. 21 Machiavelli *Prince* chapters 18-26
5. Sep. 28 Hobbes *Leviathan* Introduction, chapters 6, 10, 11, 13-15.
6. Oct. 5 Hobbes *Leviathan* chapters 17-22, 30
7. Oct. 12 Kant *Groundwork* pp. 9-48..
8. Oct 19 Kant *Groundwork* pp. 49-79.
9. Oct. 26 Plato *Apology* 17a-28a
10. Nov. 2 Plato *Apology* 28b-42a
11. Nov. 9 Plato *Crito*
12. Nov. 16 Plato *Minos*
13. Nov 30 Presentations
14. Dec 7 Presentations

Assignments:

Written assignments will include a short paper, 3 to 5 pages (worth 20% of your final grade), which is due on Oct. 5, and a long paper, 15 to 20 pages, (worth 50%), which is due at the end of the term. Each student will give an oral presentation on the long paper in one of the last two weeks of class (worth 15%). Your participation in the discussions will count for 15% of your final grade.

Announcements

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