

Calendar:

- 1/30: *Course Overview (discussion)*
- 2/6: **Introduction to Ethics:**
Peter Singer, “Famine, Affluence, Morality”
Thomas Hobbes, from *Leviathan*
- 2/13: **Instrumental Reasoning:**
Niccolò Machiavelli, from *The Prince*
Milton Friedman, “The Social Responsibility of Business Is to Increase Profits”
- 2/20: *NO CLASSES* (classes follow a Monday schedule)
- 2/27: **Libertarianism:**
Irving Kristol, “A Capitalist Conception of Justice”
Robert Nozick, from *Anarchy, State, Utopia*
- 3/6: **Virtue Ethics and the “Pursuit of Happiness”:**
Aristotle, from *Nicomachean Ethics*
- 3/13: **Personhood & Trust:**
Groom & Nass, “Can Robots Be Teammates?”
Jennifer Moore, “What Is Really Unethical about Insider Trading?”
- 3/20: Peter Singer, “Speciesism”
The Walking Dead, “Pretty Much Dead Already,” viewed in class
- 3/27: *NO CLASSES*
- 4/3: **Justice & Charity:**
Andrew Carnegie, “The Gospel of Wealth”
John Rawls, from *A Theory of Justice*
- 4/10: **Capitalism & Justice:**
Robert Reich, from *Supercapitalism*
Thomas Pogge, interview on “Global Poverty”
- 4/17: **Corporations & Democracy:**
Nader, Green & Seligman, “Who Will Watch the Watchers?”
John J. McCall, “Employee Voice in Corporate Governance”
- 4/24: **Responsibility & Labor:**
Iris Young, “The Social Connections Model of Responsibility,” on sweatshops
Karl Marx, “Alienated Labor”
- 5/1: Naomi Klein, *The Shock Doctrine*, Chapters One and Two
- 5/8: **Public Reason (course review):**
Onora O’Neill, “The Public Use of Reason”
- 5/15: *No new readings*
- 5/22, 6-8pm: Final Exam (open notes, closed book)**

Syllabus Change Policy: This syllabus is a guide for the course. *If* there are any changes to the calendar, they will be announced in class, and a revised syllabus will be posted on Blackboard. Other than (possible) calendar changes, there will be no changes, to grading and other course policies.