

I. Introduction to Philosophical Ethics: Virtue Ethics, Consequentialism & Deontology

- 9/30: Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, Poverty"
John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*
- 9/6: "Critical Thinking: Form and Content"
Immanuel Kant, "What Is Enlightenment?"
Discussion: thought experiments, descriptive vs. normative questions
- 9/13: Plato, *Apology*
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* I & II
- 9/20: Thomas Hobbes, from *Leviathan*
Mary Wollstonecraft, from *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
Optional: Sibyl Schwarzenbach, "On Civic Friendship"
- 9/27: Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*
Onora O'Neill, "On Public Reason"
Recommended: Immanuel Kant, "Of Taste as a Kind of *Sensus Communis*"
- 10/4: Thomas Nagel, "War and Massacre" (Bb) *
Judith Butler, "Peace Is Resistance to the Terrible Satisfactions of War" *

II. Ethics and Society

- 10/11: Fyodor Dostoyevsky, from *Brothers Karamazov*
Friedrich Nietzsche, from *Beyond Good and Evil* *
Richard Rorty, "Is Philosophy Relevant to Applied Ethics?"
First paper due in class
- 10/18: Karl Marx, "Alienated Labor" *
Albert Camus, from *Myth of Sisyphus*
Hannah Arendt, from "Thinking and Moral Considerations"
Optional: Søren Kierkegaard, from *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*
- 10/25: Simone de Beauvoir, from *Ethics of Ambiguity*
Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*
Linda Martín Alcoff, "In Arizona, Censoring Questions about Race" *
- 11/1: President George W. Bush, "Address Before a Joint Session of the Congress on the United States Response to the Terrorist Attacks of September 11" (Bb)
Michael Walzer, "The Triumph of Just War Theory (and the Dangers of Success)" *
Jürgen Habermas, "Interpreting the Fall of a Monument"
- 11/8: Current publications on the circumcision debate in Germany (Bb)
Martha Nussbaum and John Finnis, "Is Homosexual Conduct Wrong?" *
Second paper due in class
- 11/15: Current publications on the drone warfare debate (Bb)
Tariq Ramadan: "An International Call for Moratorium on Corporal Punishment, Stoning, and the Death Penalty in the Islamic World" *
- 11/29: Robert Nozick, "The Experience Machine"
Walking Dead, "Pretty Much Dead Already" (viewed in class)
- 12/6: *Closing discussion*
- 12/20: 1-3pm: FINAL EXAM (open notes, but not open book)