

ETH 401H1Y – Seminar in Ethics

Professor Joseph Heath

M4-6, LA200

T10-12, LA200

This seminar will expose senior undergraduates to cutting edge research in the field of ethics, broadly conceived. Students will attend eight presentations in the Centre for Ethics's speaker series, given by eminent scholars from outside the university, working in the field of moral and political philosophy. Students will meet with the instructor the following day to discuss these presentations.

Required Reading:

Will Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy*, 2nd edn. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). Two academic papers per seminar talk (assigned by the speaker), to be read in advance. Available on the course web site.

Evaluation:

Attendance: 10%.

Students must attend all seminar talks.

Short writing assignments: 2 x 20%

Over the course of the year, students must submit two 1500-word assignments, each providing a summary and analysis of one seminar presentation. At least one of the two must be submitted by Jan. 21th, 2014.

Final term paper: 50%

One 6000-word research paper, to be submitted on the last class (April 1), on a topic to be agreed upon between the student and the instructor.

Meeting dates:

Sept. 10	10-12	Introduction
Sept. 16	3-5	Chrisoula Andreou: "The Good, the Bad, and the Trivial"
Sept. 17	10-12	Discussion
Oct. 15	4-6	Richard Sorabji talk note Tuesday time
Oct. 22	10-12	Discussion
Nov. 4	3-5	Shlomi Segall: "From Now and to Eternity: Prioritarianism and Time"
Nov. 5	10-12	Discussion
Nov. 18	3-5	Stephen Gordon: "The Canadian One Per Cent"
Nov. 19	10-12	Discussion
Jan. 13	3-5	Arthur Applbaum: "Democracy without the Consent of the Governed"
Jan. 14	10-12	Discussion
Jan. 20	3-5	David Wong: "On Valuing Moral Disagreement"
Jan. 21	10-12	Discussion
March 17	3-5	Patchen Markell: "The Political Setting and Legacy of Hannah Arendt's <i>The Human Condition</i> "
March 18	10-12	Discussion
March 31	3-5	Alan Strudler: "The Moral Significance of Shareholders"
April 1	10-12	Discussion: final class and paper due

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The Small Print

Any assignment handed in late without medical excuse will be penalized by one grade fragment (about 3%) per day late. Late assignments can be submitted to Rose Jones at the Centre for Ethics Rm 203. Plagiarism (“to represent as one’s own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another”) will not be tolerated, and any suspected cases will be submitted to OSAI for investigation without exception. Response to email will be at the instructor’s discretion; for official communication you must see the instructor in person, either in class or during office hours.