Authority

Reading


The selections by Wolff and Dworkin also can be found in Joseph Raz, editor. *Authority*. Blackwell, Oxford, 1990.

Essay

When does a state have political authority over its citizens? Are citizens obligated to obey the commands of a state that has political authority over them?
Liberty and Libertarianism

Reading


Essay

Is there more than one conception of liberty? Does liberty (each kind) have value? Is it intrinsic or instrumental value? If liberty does have value, is it a value that should be promoted by the state? Is there a relationship between liberty and Libertarianism?
Equality

Reading


Essay

Is there more than one conception of equality? Does equality (each kind) have value? Is it intrinsic or instrumental value? If equality does have value, is it a value that should be promoted by the state?
Democracy

Reading


Essay

What is democracy? Does it have any special value? Can a democratic majority ever be tyrannical?
Communitarianism

Reading


Essay

What is the communitarian objection to liberalism? Is it a good objection? Does communitarianism provide a satisfying alternative?
Liberal Neutrality

Reading


Essay

Can the state maintain a neutral posture with respect to what constitutes the good life? Should it?
Socialism

Reading


Essay

‘Socialism should be consigned to the dustbin of history.’ Discuss.
The Social Contract

Reading


* Any version/edition will do.

Essay

Does contractarianism give an adequate account of why we should feel obliged to obey the commands of the state?
Cosmopolitanism (and war)

Reading


Some of these are available online.

Essay

Does cosmopolitanism offer a more attractive account of the proper relationship between people around the globe than does internationalism? Does it offer a distinctive justification for war, or the use of force? If so, is it a persuasive justification?
Nationalism

Reading


Essay

Is there a right to national self-determinination?
Feminism and the Public/Private Distinction

Reading


* Any version/edition will do.

Essay

Of what importance in liberal theory is the distinction between the public and private. What are the feminist objections to the employment of distinction in political theory? Are they convincing?
Rights

Reading


Essay

What are rights and who has them? How central are they to our moral/political thought?
Bibliography

References


The readings listed are intended to represent a range of views and approaches to several basic concepts and normative doctrines found in contemporary political theory. Again, the list does not aim to be comprehensive. Although students are not expected to be conversant with all of the works listed, they should be familiar with the leading ideas and concerns in the contemporary literature under most of the subheadings. Appendix. F. Gilbert, Machiavelli and Guicciardini: Politics and History in Sixteenth-Century Italy (1984 edn) - Mark Hulliung, Citizen Machiavelli - Harvey Mansfield, Machiavelli’s Virtue - Hannah Pitkin, Fortune is a Woman - J.G.A. Pocock, The Machiavellian Moment - Quentin Skinner, Machiavelli. **Hobbes, Leviathan. How To Read A Book: The Classic Guide To Intelligent Reading by Mortimer J. Adler & Charles Van DorenOnce you read it: You'll never again completely forget the plot of a book you read. Goodreads | IndieBound | Amazon. Social Class Social Science Sociology Books Facts About Guys American Children Parenting Books A Decade Child Development Family Life.Â Reading Lists Politics Books Amazon Theory Cases Products Livros Libros. Whose Justice?
The readings listed in the historical sections combine essential texts by canonical writers and secondary readings pertinent to each writer's work. Again, the list does not aim to be comprehensive. Although students are not expected to be conversant with all of the works listed, they should be familiar with the leading ideas and concerns in the contemporary literature under most of the subheadings. - F. Gilbert, Machiavelli and Guicciardini: Politics and History in Sixteenth-Century Italy (1984 edn) - Mark Hulliung, Citizen Machiavelli - Harvey Mansfield, Machiavelli’s Virtue - Hannah Pitkin, Fortune is a Woman - J.G.A. Pocock, The Machiavellian Moment - Quentin Skinner, Machiavelli. **Hobbes, Leviathan.**

ESL Politics Reading Comprehension Passage. Politics in the UK. The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy, which means that the Queen is the head of state but she does not actively participate in politics. The British people vote for the members of parliament and they make the laws and run the country for the Queen. The Queen the signs all the laws passed by the politicians but she does not have any responsibility for saying what the laws should be about. On the ballot paper there is a list of all the candidates that are standing for election, and the person needs to make a mark by the name of the person they want to vote for. When they have done this they put their ballot paper in the ballot box. In the UK, the candidate with the most votes in a constituency is the winner. Reading list for Oxford degree: Theory of Politics. - Phil Theory of Politics Michaelmas Term 2009 Dr David Leopold and Dr Adam Swift

OVERVIEWS AND INTROSCTIONS

These are books that do not appear on the weekly reading lists but often provide very helpful discussions of the issues covered.