

Theories of Ethics in World Politics

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DESCRIPTION

How to approach the study of ethics in the world today? This is not easy task given the world that we live in today. This course is designed as a focused introduction to various theories and approaches to the study of ethics in world politics. The course thus seeks to explicate key theoretical assumptions, arguments, and methodologies underpinning these approaches as well as exploring just how and to what extent they are useful/successful in helping us grapple with the very difficult issue of ethics in a world that is very divided and extremely diverse on almost any aspect of human collective and individual lives. Although the course is quite comprehensive in its coverage of the variety of schools of IR no single course can ever be comprehensive enough in its scope. Yet despite the large number of approaches that seek to understand ethics in world politics, there are many overlaps that will enable us to at least attempt more or less acquire an integrated understanding of the important questions and tentative answers thereto. Because the study of ethics has more or less been quite neglected in the study of IR there is ample room for genuinely innovative work in this area of IR knowledge and many scholars are precisely engaging themselves in such very productive endeavors. The purpose of the course is therefore to equip students with enough knowledge on the issue of ethics in world politics so as to enable them to both learn and critique theories of/approaches to ethics broadly defined as well as to form their own educated views and perspectives on the issues of ethics in world politics. By the end of the semester each student should be able and is expected to produce a research paper reviewing and critiquing one approach to ethics as it applies to world politics broadly defined (and not just in the sense of inter-state or international relations). A well crafted paper should be of a publishable quality and hence all students will be encouraged to send their respective research papers for consideration at various publishing outlets.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to read and think (if possibly collectively in small groups) about the weekly readings before each class and thus come to class prepared to fully discuss/critique/build on the readings in depth and share their insights with the class.

- Each student is required to formulate two discussion questions generated by the readings each week. These questions should be handed to the instructor at the beginning of each class.
- Each student is required to write ten 3-page summary papers over the course of the semester. The essays are to be handed to the instructor at the beginning of class.
- Each student is required to make a number of 15-minute presentations (depending on the number of students) and lead the subsequent discussions on the topics addressed in one of his/her weekly summary/critique papers. The student making the presentation should email his/her paper to the instructor on Monday 1:00-5:00pm. The instructor will then forward the paper to the rest of the students who are expected to read it before class and be prepared to raise issues from it in the class discussion ensuing from the presentation.
- A major component of the course evaluation will be a term research paper. Each student will produce a manuscript of high and publishable quality as explained in the introduction up above. Instructions for the paper will be explicated on the first day of class. The paper will be due one week after the end of classes.
- The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus after the beginning of the semester if need be.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Campbell, David and Michael J. Shapiro. 1999. Moral Spaces: Rethinking Ethics and World Politics. University of Minnesota Press.
2. Carr, E. H. 2001. The Twenty Years' Crisis. Palgrave.
3. Derrida, Jacques. 2000. Of Hospitality. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
4. Derrida, Jacques. 2005. Cosmopolitanism and Forgiveness. Routledge.
5. Pin-Fat, Veronique. 2010. Universality, Ethics and International Relations: A Grammatical Reading. Routledge.
6. Price, Richard M. 2008. Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics. Cambridge University Press.
7. Reus-Smit, Christian and Duncan Snidal. 2008. The Oxford Handbook of International Relations. Oxford University Press.
8. Other Readings posted on sakai (e-learning).

GRADING POLICY

- Submitting two questions every week: 14 sets of questions are required and together count for 5% of the final grade.
- Presenting paper(s) and leading the ensuing discussion: 15% of the final grade.
- Each weekly paper: 5% of the final grade. Thus: ten required papers → 50% of the final grade.
- Research paper: 30% of the final grade.

Note: Late papers will not be accepted except under justifiable circumstances.

RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

- 6C1-4.041 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Scope and Violations.
<http://regulations.ufl.edu/chapter4/4041-2008.pdf>
- There is a zero-percent tolerance on plagiarism.
- Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points:
<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

Weekly Reading Assignments and Outline of the Course

Week 1 / January 11: Ethics in World Politics: Warming up!

1. Christian Reus-Smit and Duncan Snidal. 2008. Reuniting Ethics and Social Science: The Oxford Handbook of International Relations. *Ethics & International Affairs* 22 (3) (Fall): 261-271.
2. Anthony F. Lang, Jr. 2007. Crime and Punishment: Holding States Accountable. *Ethics & International Affairs*, Volume 21 (2) (Summer): 239-257.
3. Louiza Odysseos. 2002. Dangerous Ontologies: The Ethos of Survival and Ethical Theorizing in International Relations *Review of International Studies* 28: 403–418.
4. Jenny Edkins. 2005. Ethics and Practices of Engagement: Intellectuals as Experts. *International Relations* 19 (1): 64–69.
5. Nicholas Greenwood Onuf. 1998. Everyday Ethics in International Relations. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 27 (3): 669-693.
6. Rajan Menon. 2009. Pious Words, Puny Deeds: The “International Community” and Mass Atrocities. *Ethics & International Affairs* 23 (3) (Fall): 235-245.
7. Nancy Kokaz. 2007. Poverty and Global Justice. *Ethics & International Affairs* 21 (3): 317–336.
8. Thomas E. Doyle, II. 2010. Reviving Nuclear Ethics: A Renewed Research Agenda for the Twenty-First Century. *Ethics & International Affairs* 24 (3): 287–308.
9. Steve Smith. 2004. Singing Our World into Existence: International Relations Theory and September 11. Presidential Address to the International Studies Association, February 27, 2003, Portland, OR. *International Studies Quarterly* 48: 499–515.
10. Stanley Hoffmann. 1988. *The Political Ethics of International Relations*. Seventh Morgenthau Memorial Lecture on Ethics & Foreign Policy. Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs. New York.
11. Sujatha Byravan and Sudhir Chella Rajan. 2010. The Ethical Implications of Sea-Level Rise Due to Climate Change. *Ethics & International Affairs* 24 (3): 239–260.
12. Terry Nardin. 2008. International Ethics. In: Reus-Smit and Snidal. *Oxford Handbook* :594-611.

Week 2 /January 18: Ethics and Realism

1. William C. Wohlforth. 2008. Realism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal: 131-149.
2. Jack Donnelly. 2008. The Ethics of Realism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal: 150-162.
3. E. H. Carr. 2001. The Twenty Years’ Crisis. 135-155.
4. Hans J. Morgenthau. 1974. ‘The Moral Blindness of Scientific Man.’ In: *Scientific Man vs. Power Politics*. 168-203.
5. Hans J. Morgenthau. ‘Morality, Mores, and Law as Restraints on Power. In: *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, brief edition. 219-249.

6. Mark Gismondi. 2004. Tragedy, Realism, and Postmodernity: *Kulturpessimismus* in the Theories of Max Weber, E.H. Carr, Hans J. Morgenthau, and Henry Kissinger. *Diplomacy and Statecraft* 15 (3): 435–464
7. Murielle Cozette. 2008. Reclaiming the Critical Dimension of Realism: Hans J. Morgenthau on the Ethics of Scholarship. *Review of International Studies* 34: 5–27.
8. Adrian Hyde-Price. 2009. Realist Ethics and the ‘War on Terror’. *Globalizations* 6 (1):23–40.
9. Ralph Pettman. 2008. Power and Morality: A Misleading Dichotomy. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 21 (2) (June): 235-251.

Week 3/January 25: Ethics and Marxism/Post-Marxism

1. Benno Teschke. 2008. Marxism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal: 163-187.
2. Nichoals Rengger. 2008. Ethics of Marxism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal: 188-200.
3. Lawrence Wilde. 1998. Ethical Marxism. Source: *Ethical Marxism and its Radical Critics*, MacMillan Press. Introduction, Chapter 1 and half of Chapter 2.
4. T.I. Oizerman. 2005. Conclusion to *Marxism and Utopianism*. *Russian Studies In Philosophy* 44 (2) (Fall): 24–37.
5. Ernesto Laclau. 2006. Ideology and post-Marxism. *Journal of Political Ideologies* 11 (2): 103–114.

Week 4/ February 1: Ethics and Liberalism/Neo-liberalism

1. Arthur A. Stein. 2008. Neoliberal Institutionalism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 201-221.
2. James L. Richardson. 2008. The Ethics of Neoliberal Institutionalism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 222-233.
3. Andrew Moravcsik. 2008. The New Liberalism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 234-254.
4. Gerry Simpson. 2008. The Ethics of New Liberalism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 255-266.
5. Vivienne Jabri. 2006. War, Security and the Liberal State. *Security Dialogue* 37 (1): 47–64.
6. John A. Vasquez. 2005. Ethics, Foreign Policy, and Liberal Wars: The Role of Restraint in Moral Decision Making. *International Studies Perspectives* 6: 307–315.
7. Seyla Benhabib. 2009. Claiming Rights across Borders: International Human Rights and Democratic Sovereignty. *American Political Science Review* 103 (4): 691-704.

Week 5/ February 8: Ethics and Cosmopolitanism

1. Louiza Odysseos. 2003. On the Way to Global Ethics? Cosmopolitanism, ‘Ethical’ Selfhood and Otherness. *European Journal of Political Theory* 2 (2): 183–207.
2. James Brassett and Dan Bulley. 2007. Ethics in World Politics: Cosmopolitanism and Beyond? *International Politics* 44:1–18.
3. Andrew Linklater. 2007. Distant Suffering and Cosmopolitan Obligations. *International Politics* 44:19–36.
4. Sheldon Pollock, Homi K. Bhabha, Carol A. Breckenridge, and Dipesh Chakrabarty. 2000. **Cosmopolitanisms**. *Public Culture* 12(3): 577–589.

5. Gideon Baker. 2009. Cosmopolitanism as Hospitality: Revisiting Identity and Difference in Cosmopolitanism. *Alternatives* 34: 107–128.
6. Robert Fine. 2006. Cosmopolitanism and Violence: Difficulties of Judgment. *The British Journal of Sociology* 57 (1): 49-67.
7. Richard Shapcott. 2008. Anti-cosmopolitanism, Pluralism and the Cosmopolitan Harm Principle. *Review of International Studies* 34: 185–205.

Week 6/ February 15: Ethics and Intervention/War/‘Just War’ Theory

1. Julian Reid. 2004. War, Liberalism, and Modernity: The Biopolitical Provocations of ‘Empire’. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 17 (1): 63-79.
2. Michael W. Doyle. 2010. A Few Words on Mill, Walzer, and Nonintervention. *Ethics & International Affairs* 23 (4): 349-369.
3. Charles R. Beitz. 2010. The Moral Standing of States Revisited. *International Affairs* 23 (4): 325-347.
4. John Kelsay. 2010. Just War, Jihad, and the Study of Comparative Ethics. *Ethics & International Affairs* 24 (3): 227–238.
5. Virginia Held. 2008. Military Intervention and the Ethics of Care. *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* XLVI: 1-20.
6. Maja Zehfuss. 2007. Subjectivity and Vulnerability: On the War with Iraq. *International Politics* 44: 58–71.
7. Alex J. Bellamy. 2005. Is the War on Terror Just? *International Relations* 19 (3): 275–296.
8. Larry N. George. 2005. Pharmacotic War and the Ethical Dilemmas of Engagement. *International Relations* 19 (1): 115-125.
9. Michael Dillon and Julian Reid. 2001. Global Liberal Governance: Biopolitics, Security and War. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 30 (1): 41-66.

Week 7/ February 22: Ethics and the English School

1. Tim Dunne. 2008. The English School. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 267-285.
2. Molly Cochran. 2008. The Ethics of the English School. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 286-297.
3. Chris Brown. 2001. Moral Agency and International Society. *Ethics & International Affairs* 15 (2): 87-98.
4. Molly Cochran. 2009. Charting the Ethics of the English School: What “Good” is There in a Middle-Ground Ethics? *International Studies Quarterly* :203–225

Week 8/ March 1: Ethics and Constructivism

1. Ian Hurd. 2008. Constructivism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 298-316.
2. Richard Price. 2008. The Ethics of Constructivism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 317-326.
3. Price, Richard M. 2008. Moral Limit and Possibility in World Politics.
4. Matthew J. Hoffmann. 2009. Is Constructivist Ethics an Oxymoron? *International Studies Review* 11: 231–252.

March 5-12: SPRING BREAK

Week 9/ March 15: Ethics and Critical Theory

1. Richard Shapcott. 2008. Critical Theory. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 327-345.
2. Robyn Eckersley. 2008. The Ethics of Critical Theory. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 346-358.
3. Nicholas Rengger and Ben Thirkell-White. 2007. Still Critical after All these Years? The Past, Present and Future of Critical Theory in International Relations. *Review of International Studies* 33: 3–24.
4. Friedrich Kratochwil. 2007. Looking back from Somewhere: Reflections on What Remains 'Critical' in Critical Theory. *Review of International Studies* 33: 25–45.
5. John M. Hobson. 2007. Is critical Theory always for the White West and for Western Imperialism? Beyond Westphalian towards a Post-racist Critical IR. *Review of International Studies* 33: 91-116.
6. Craig N. Murphy. 2007. The Promise of Critical IR, Partially Kept. *Review of International Studies* 33: 117-133.
7. Andrew Linklater. 2007. Towards a Sociology of Global Morals with an 'Emancipatory Intent'. *Review of International Studies* 33: 135-150.
8. Richard Devetak. 2007. Between Kant and Pufendorf: Humanitarian Intervention, Statist Anti-cosmopolitanism and Critical International Theory. *Review of International Studies* 33: 151-174.
9. Vivienne Jabri. 2005. Critical Thought and Political Agency in Time of War. *International Relations* 19 (1): 70-78.

March 16-19: ISA CONVENTION

Week 10/ March 22: Ethics and Post-modernism/Post-Structuralism

1. Anthony Burke. 2008. Postmodernism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 359-377.
2. Peter Lawler. 2008. The Ethics of Postmodernism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 378-390.
3. David Campbell and Michael J. Shapiro. 1999. *Moral Spaces: Rethinking Ethics and World Politics*.

Week 11/ March 29: Ethics and Feminism

1. Sandra Whitworth. 2008. Feminism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 391-407.
2. Jacqui True. 2008. The Ethics of Feminism. In: Reus-smit and Snidal. 408-424.
3. Ann Tickner. 2005. Gendering a Discipline: Some Feminist Methodological Contributions to International Relations. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 30 (4): 2173-2188.
4. Kimberly Hutchings. 2007. Happy Anniversary! Time and Critique in International Relations Theory. *Review of International Studies* 33: 71-89.
5. Kimberly Hutchings. 2004. From Morality to Politics and Back Again: Feminist International Ethics and the Civil-Society Argument. *Alternatives* 29: 239-264.

6. Vivienne Jabri. 2004. Feminist Ethics and Hegemonic Global Politics. *Alternatives* 29: 265-284.
7. Kimberly Hutchings. 2007. Feminist Ethics and Political Violence. *International Politics* 44: 90–106.
8. Brooke Ackerly and Jacqui True. 2008. Reflexivity in Practice: Power and Ethics in Feminist Research on International Relations. *International Studies Review* 10: 693–707.
9. Fiona Robinson. 2006. Beyond Labour Rights: The Ethics of Care and Women’s Work in the Global Economy. *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 8 (3) (September): 321–342.
10. Cynthia Weber. 2006. Fahrenheit 9/11: The Temperature Where Morality Burns. *Journal of American Studies* 40 (1): 113–131.

Week 12/ April 5: Ethics and Deconstruction

1. Derrida, Jacques. 2005. *Cosmopolitanism and Forgiveness*.
2. Jacques Derrida. 2000. *Of Hospitality*.
3. Jacques Derrida. 2005. The Principle of Hospitality. *Parallax* 11 (1): 6–9.
4. Maja Zehfuss. 2005. Remembering to Forgive? The ‘War on Terror’ in a ‘Dialogue’ between German and US Intellectuals. *International Relations* 19 (1): 91–102.
5. Roxanne Lynn Doty. 2006. Fronteras Compasivas and the Ethics of Unconditional Hospitality. *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 35 (1): 53-74.

Week 13/ April 12: Ethics and Post-colonial Theory

1. Siba N. Grovogui. 2005. The New Cosmopolitanisms: Subtexts, Pretexts and Context of Ethics. *International Relations* 19 (1): 103–113.
2. Esha Niyogi De. 2002. Decolonizing Universality: Postcolonial Theory and the Quandary of Ethical Agency. *Diacritics* 32 (2) (Summer): 42-59.
3. Violet Bridget Lunga. 2008. Postcolonial Theory: A Language for a Critique of Globalization? *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 7: 191-199.
4. Gloria Davies. 1998. Professing Postcoloniality: The Perils of Cultural Legitimation. *Postcolonial Studies* 1 (2): 171-182..
5. Revathi Rishnaswamy. 2002. The Criticism of Culture and the Culture of Criticism at the Intersection of Postcolonialism and Globalization Theory. *Diacritics* 32 (2) (Summer):106-126.

Week 14/ April 19: Ethics and ‘Language Games’

1. Veronique Pin-Fat. 2010. *Universality, Ethics and International Relations: A Grammatical Reading*.