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POLI 111B / USP 154 Global Justice: Theory and Practice  
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This is a topics-based seminar in international political theory. We will explore normative questions about various global problems and the global order. We will begin by asking what it means to conceive of justice beyond borders and then consider what values, if any, ought to govern the practice of global politics in war and peace. What do we owe the global poor? Is drone warfare morally permissible? And how should we distribute the burdens of climate change? Other topics include human rights, fair trade, gender injustice, the (im)permissibility of torture, and warfare in an age of terrorism.

POLI 110G International Political Thought (Spring 2014) is a complementary course on the theoretical debates about the grounds of global justice.

Assessment:

- 10-page mid-term paper due by 11.59pm on Friday, February 7 (35%)
- 10-page final paper due by 11.59pm on Monday, March 17 (35%)
Your papers should take a critical stance. You are not expected to conduct original research, but you must develop your own argument and defend it throughout the paper. Please use double spacing and Times New Roman 12-point font. Topics and more detailed instructions will be distributed a few weeks in advance. Unexcused late papers will be penalized one-third of a grade per day.

- 10-minute presentation (15%)
In your presentation, focus on two or three concerns you have with the reading, or raise a few questions. Do not summarize the reading.

- Participation (15%)
This is an upper-level seminar, and it is important that you contribute to the discussion. Attendance and discussions during office hours also count towards your participation grade.

Readings:
These and other readings will be posted on the TED website.
Course Schedule:

January 6:
Introduction

Justice Beyond Borders?

January 8:

January 10:

Human Rights and Torture

January 13:

January 15-17:

January 20:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 22:

Just War

January 24:

January 27:
**Terrorism**

**January 29:**

**January 31:**

**February 3:**

**Drones**

**February 5:**

**February 7:**

**Mid-Term Paper Due**

**Global Poverty**

**February 10:**

**February 12:**
Leif Wenar, “What We Owe to Distant Others”, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics, 2*, 283-304, 2003. (GJR)

**February 14:**

**February 17:**
President’s Day Holiday

**February 19:**
Fair Trade

February 21:

February 24:

February 26:
Class Cancelled

Gender and Global Justice

February 28:

March 3:

March 5:

Environmental Justice

March 7:

March 10:

March 12:

March 14: Wrap-up / Review

March 17: Final Paper Due