

# PHIL 4210/6210

## SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

3:30-4:45 PM TUESDAY/THURSDAY (Peabody Hall 220)

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The course will critically examine what the economy *should* be and what relation the economy *should* have to the state. The fundamental options of economic theory will be examined in connection with the fundamental options of normative social and political philosophy, all in order to conceive the just economy and its relation to the just state.

*All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." All students are responsible to inform themselves about those standards before performing any academic work.*

### **REQUIRED READINGS**

- Aristotle, *Politics* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1996; ISBN-10: 0521484006)  
Hegel, G. W. F., *Elements of the Philosophy of Right* (Cambridge: Cambridge U. Press, 1991; ISBN: 0521348889)  
Marx, Karl, *Capital – Volume I* (NY: Dover Publications, 2011; ISBN-10: 0486477487)  
Caporaso, James A. & Levine, David P., *Theories of Political Economy* (NY: Cambridge U. Press, 1996; ISBN 0521425786)  
De Soto, *The Mystery of Capital* (NY: Basic Books, 2000; ISBN-10: 0465016154)  
Winfield, Richard Dien, *The Just Economy* (New York: Routledge, 1988), ISBN: 0415001854; 0415903424 (pbk.)  
Winfield, Richard Dien, *The Just State: Rethinking Self-Government* (Amherst, NY: Humanity Books, 2005), 432 pp.; ISBN: 1591023173  
**Xerox Selections:** Heilbroner, Robert L., *The Worldly Philosophers*; Polanyi, Karl, *Primitive, Archaic and Modern Economies: Essays of Karl Polanyi*; Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*; Smith, Adam, *The Wealth of Nations*; Winfield, Richard Dien, "Should the Economy be Democratized?"; Hayek, Friedrich A., *The Constitution of Liberty*, Jonas, Hans, *The Imperative of Responsibility*; listed under PHIL 4210/6210 at **Bel-Jean Copy-Print Center, 163 E. Broad St.**

### **SYLLABUS** (subject to change)

- 1/10 T *Introduction*  
1/12 TH Heilbroner, *The Worldly Philosophers* (16-40); Polanyi, "Aristotle Discovers the Economy" (78-115)  
1/17 T Winfield, *The Just State* (15-28); Aristotle, *Politics*, Book I (11-30)  
1/19 TH Winfield, *The Just Economy* (9-17); Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book V, Ch. 5-6 (74-78; *Politics*, Book II, Ch. 1-7 (30-46)

1/24 T	Aristotle, <i>Politics</i> , Book III, Ch. 9, 12, Book IV, Ch. 4, 8, 11, 12, Book VII, Ch. 8-9
1/26 TH	Levine, <i>Theories of Political Economy</i> (21-32); Polanyi, (3-19, 26-37); Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 26 (784-787)
1/31 T	Levine, <i>Theories of Political Economy</i> (33-54); Smith, <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Book I, Ch. 1-5, (3-46)
2/2 TH	Heilbroner, <i>The Worldly Philosophers</i> (40-72); Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (28-34); Smith, <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Book I, Ch. 6-9, Book II, Ch. 1 (47-70, 87-88, 259-269)
2/7 T	Levine, <i>Theories of Political Economy</i> (55-78); Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (55-83)
2/9 TH	Levine, <i>Theories of Political Economy</i> (79-99)
2/14 T	Levine, <i>Theories of Political Economy</i> (100-125)
2/16 TH	Winfield, <i>The Just State</i> (28-60)
2/21 T	Winfield, <i>The Just State</i> (61-71, 73-108)
2/23 TH	Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (17-27, 87-101); Hegel, <i>Philosophy of Right</i> #182-195 (220-231)
2/28 T	Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (102-110); Hegel, <i>Philosophy of Right</i> #196-198 (231-233); Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 1 (41-96)
3/1 TH	Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 2-3 (96-162)
3/6 T	Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 4-6 (162-196); Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (111-119)
3/8 TH	Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 7-9, 10 (197-259)
3/13 T	SPRING BREAK
3/15 TH	SPRING BREAK
3/20 T	Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 11, 12, 14, 16, 19 (331-353, 385-404, 422-430, 550-568, 586-594) Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (120-139);
3/22 TH	Marx, <i>Capital</i> , Ch. 23, 24, 25, 26 (618-633, 634-644, 671-711); Hegel, <i>Philosophy of Right</i> #199-208 (233-239)
3/27 T	Winfield, "Should the Economy be Democratized?"; Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (142-168); Polyani (38-53)
3/29 TH	Winfield, <i>The Just State</i> (108-111); De Soto, <i>The Mystery of Capital</i> (1-15, 39-67)
4/3 T	De Soto, <i>The Mystery of Capital</i> (153-206)
4/5 TH	De Soto, <i>The Mystery of Capital</i> (207-228); Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (168-182)
4/10 T	Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (169-182); Hegel, <i>Philosophy of Right</i> #230, 250-256 (259-260, 270-274); Hayek, <i>The Constitution of Liberty</i> (267-284)
4/12 TH	Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (183-212); Hegel, <i>Philosophy of Right</i> #231-249 (260-270)
4/17 T	Hayek, <i>The Constitution of Liberty</i> (253-266); Winfield, <i>The Just Economy</i> (213-232)
4/19 TH	Hayek, <i>The Constitution of Liberty</i> (285-323); Jonas, <i>The Imperative of Responsibility</i> (142-160)
4/24 T	Winfield, <i>The Just State</i> (125-132, 158-170, 177-182)
4/26 TH	Winfield, <i>The Just State</i> (199-235)

### **ESSAY ASSIGNMENTS**

Essay #1 (Due 2/21; 25% of final grade)

Essay #2 (Due 3/27; 25% of final grade)

Final Term Paper (Due Tuesday, 5/1; 50% of final grade)

**ATTENDANCE POLICY: 1 letter grade penalty for 4 or more unexcused absences**