**THE 5141 Ethics and Social Justice in the Age of Globalization**
**Spring 2013**
3 credits
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**Description:**

Theories of ethics and social justice in the 21st century are facing distinct challenges including population growth, elements of the postmodern condition, and effects of globalization. The course will examine salient ethical issues in social, political, economic practices by international organizations, national sovereignties, multinational enterprises, social groups as well as individuals. The course will explore various theological/philosophical questions and approaches to these complex problems of moral good and social justice in this challenging era.

**Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will

1. become aware of particular challenges of the 21st century such as population growth, postmodern conditions, and globalization.
2. understand salient ethical problems in social, political, economic practices by international organizations, national sovereignties, multinational enterprises, social groups, and individuals.
3. become aware of ethical issues concerning women, children, environment, poverty and others in the global contexts.
4. understand fundamental religious/philosophical questions of ethics and various approaches to them.
5. comprehend major ethical theories and their strength and weakness.

**Evaluation & Assignments:**

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| 1. Class participation | 20% |
| 2. Presentation | 20% |
| 3. UN CSW Forum participation and report | 20% |
| 3. Test | 20% |
| 4. Term paper | 20% |

**Class participation**

Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions. Unexcused absence is penalized.

**Presentation**

Presenters are expected to give a 15 minutes presentation on the issue of the week. Students are encouraged to use PowerPoint or other presentation program. The number of presentation can vary according to the number of enrolment. Students can choose one of the following for their presentation. All presentation must include presenters' comments/analysis/evaluation:

A. summary and comments on the assigned readings of the week.

or

B. presentation of own research on the topic of the week

**UN Event participation and report**

Students are expected to attend one of the UN NGO CSW (Committee on the Status of Women) Forum Parallel Events, held between 4-15 March 2013, at near UN facilities such as Church Center, the Salvation Army, the Armenian Convention Center. Pass/pre-registration is not required. Detailed information will be given in class.

Students are required to give oral report about the session they participated in class on March 14.

**Test**

A combination of multiple choice and short essay questions. Possible essay questions are given in advance.

**Term Paper**

10~12 double spaced pages, 12 pt font, excluding the cover is required. Due by the last class meeting. Late submission is penalized.

**Required Texts:**

Stiglitz, Joseph E. *Making Globalization Work.* New York: W.W. Norton & Co, 2006. $12.21 ISBN-13: 978-0393330281

Sandel, Michael J. *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?* New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. $8.82 ISBN-13: 978-0374532505

**Recommended (not required):**

Sandel, Michael J. *What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. $13.98 ISBN-13: 978-0374533656

Singer, Peter. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization.* The Terry lectures. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004. $8.39 ISBN-13: 978-0300103052

Stiglitz, Joseph E. *The Price of Inequality: [How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future]*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co, 2012. $16.24 ISBN-13: 978-0393088694

**Multimedia resources partially used in class:**

Achbar, Mark, Jennifer Abbott, and Joel Bakan. *The Corporation*. [New York]: Zeitgeist, 2004. Documentary film.

Cuomo, Chris. *Basic Instincts 5 The Milgram Experiment Re-Visited*. [New York]: ABC News Productions, 2007. Documentary film.

Ferguson, Charles H., et al. *Inside job*. Culver City, Calif: Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2011.

Gibney, Alex, et al. *Enron the smartest guys in the room*. Los Angeles, Calif: Magnolia Home Entertainment, 2005. Documentary film.

Philip G. Zimbardo. *The Stanford Prison Experiment*. http://www.prisonexp.org/

**Academic Integrity**

Plagiarism is a form of dishonesty that occurs when a student passes off someone else's work as their own. This can range from failing to cite an author for ideas incorporated into a student's paper, to cutting and pasting paragraphs from different websites, to handing in a paper downloaded from the Internet. This includes buying or submitting a paper written by a third party. All are considered forms of "plagiarism" and a violation of the Seminary's academic integrity policy. The instructor has the option of having the student repeat or fail the assignment. In cases of serious or repeated violations, the instructor has the option of having the student fail the course or of reporting the student to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for disciplinary action. Possible disciplinary actions include probation, suspension or withdrawal.

**Course outline and reading assignments:**

Additional readings (handouts) will be given in class. The number of presentation may vary according to the enrolment.

| Date | Topic | Required reading | Notes |
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| 1/31 | Course overview | | |
| | Major approaches to justice | Sandel Ch. 1 | |
| 2/7 | Utilitarianism: greatest happiness principle | Sandel Ch. 2 | |
| | Libertarianism: on freedom | Sandel Ch. 3 | |
| 2/14 | Ethics and market | Sandel Ch. 4 | |
| | Globalization and fairness of rules | Stilglitz Preface. Ch. 1 | Presentation 1, 2 |
| 2/21 | Kantian ethics | Sandel Ch. 5 | |
| | Modernization and the consequences | Stilgliz Ch. 2 | Presentation 3, 4 |
| 2/28 | John Rawls: on justice | Sandel Ch. 6 | |
| | Fairness in trade and properties | Stilgliz Ch. 3, 4 | Presentation 5, 6 |
| 3/7 | No class at UTS. Students should attend one of the UN NGO CSW (Committee on the Status of Women) Forum Parallel Events, held between 4-15 March 2013, at near UN facilities such as Church Center, the Salvation Army, the Armenian Convention Center. Students can choose one event and give oral report in class on 3/14. Pass/pre-registration is not required. Detailed information will be given in class. | | |
| 3/14 | Women's issue | Hicks. "Gender, discrimination, and capability." (handouts) Drinan, *The Mobilization of Shame*, Ch. 5. | Students report on UN Women events. |

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| | | "Women's worldwide plea for equality" (handouts) | |
| 3/21 | Children's issue | Drinan, *The Mobilization of Shame*, Ch. 6 "A global revolution for children" (handouts) | Presentation 7, 8 |
| | Fairness in contexts | Sandel Ch. 7 | |
| 3/28 | Spring break. No class. | | |
| 4/4 | Aristotelian approach: virtue ethics | Sandel Ch. 8 | |
| | Natural resources and environments | Stilgliz Ch. 5, 6 | Presentation 9, 10 |
| 4/11 | Conflicts of virtues | Sandel Ch. 9 | |
| | Ethical issues in economy | Stilgliz Ch. 7, 8 | Presentation 11, 12 |
| 4/18 | Democracy and globalization | Stilgliz Ch. 9, 10 | Presentation 13, 14 |
| | Test | | Multiple choice and short essays |
| 4/25 | Justice and the common good | Sandel Ch. 10 | |
| | Current issues on equality, justice, and freedom. | | Presentation 15, 16 |
| 5/2 | Fundamental questions of human natures | Hardin, "Tragedy of the Commons" (handouts)<br>Plato, Gygess's ring in *Republic* (handouts)<br>Milgram experiment (handouts)<br>Carl Jung (handouts) | |
| 5/9 | Postmodern Conditions and questions of relativism | Ruth Benedict, cultural relativism (handouts) | |
| 5/16 | Roles of religion in moral discourse; limit situation and morality | Viktor Frankl (handouts) | Term paper due |

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