

PIU33071, PIU33073 and PIU33173 | Political Philosophy

Credits:	PIU33071 (10ECTS), PIU33073 (5ECTS), PIU33173 (5ECTS)
Semester:	Michaelmas Term
Prerequisites:	There are no prerequisites for this module.
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Contact Hours:	22 (Lectures/Seminars)

Module Outline:

This module provides essential analytical tools to reflect about the normative dimension of politics. Through the study of concepts like liberty, equality, democracy, justice and injustice (e.g. global justice, structural injustice), students will familiarise with core debates in analytic political theory and with the work of authors like G. A. Cohen, R. Nozick, J. Rawls, I. M. Young.

Learning Outcomes:

This module fosters students' critical reflection about the values and normative principles that shape the political discourse. At the end of the course students will be able (1) to analyse and assess arguments and patterns of justification in political philosophy, (2) to approach classical texts in contemporary political philosophy, (3) they will be knowledgeable about the main trends and core debates in the contemporary literature.

Recommended Reading List:

To be specified in the Module Document in the first week of teaching.

Useful introductions to contemporary political philosophy:

- C. Fabre, *Justice in a Changing World* (2007)

- W. Kymlicka, *Contemporary Political Philosophy. An Introduction*, 2nd edn (2002)
- D. Miller, *Political Philosophy. A Very Short Introduction* (2003)
- S. Olsaretti (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice* (2018)
- A. Walton, W. Abel, E. Kahn E, T. Parr. *Introducing Political Philosophy. A Policy-Driven Approach* (2021)

Assessment:

5 ECTS:

- Coursework: one Essay of 2000 words, worth 50% of the overall mark
- Exam: (1 hour) one question, worth 50% of the overall mark

10ECTS

- Coursework: two essays of 2000 words worth 25% + 25% = 50% of the overall mark
- Exam: (2 hours) two questions worth 25% + 25% = 50% of the overall mark