COURSE DETAIL

ETHICS AND SOCIETY

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University College London

Program(s)
University College London

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
103

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
ETHICS AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title
ETHICS AND SOCIETY

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers students a broad introduction to political philosophy. Readings are mostly drawn from Contemporary Anglophone political philosophy (so-called “analytic” philosophy): in particular, Rawls and some of his interlocutors (Nozick, Cohen, Moller-Okin, et. al). Yet students may also occasionally read figures from the history of political thought (Plato, Aristotle, Rousseau, Locke, Mill) and some modern European theorists (so-called “continental” philosophers) as well (Habermas, Honneth, Forst). Questions treated in the course are likely to include the following: What is the source of the state’s authority and what could render it legitimate? What is liberty, and what are its limits? Why is property valuable, and how should it be distributed? Is there a trade-off between equality and freedom? Are there any natural rights or are they all conventional? What is justice? Throughout students are concerned with how these questions are treated in different frameworks: liberal, libertarian, socialist, feminist, utilitarian, and anarchist.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ESPS0044

Host Institution Course Title
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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/ethics-and-society-ESPS0044

Host Institution Campus
University College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
European and International Social and Political Studies

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