

Theories of Global Justice.

Until quite recently political theory has focused almost entirely on relations among citizens within states. Now, however, close attention is paid to questions of justice in the relations among, and inequality between, different states. This seminar examines some of the leading recent theories of, and topics in, global justice. The main focus is on issues of distributive justice: the ideas of cosmopolitanism and nationalism are discussed, as well as theorists such as John Rawls and Peter Singer and their critics. Specific topics for examination will include the ethics of immigration and the idea of exploitation. In the final third of the course, we will discuss selected issues of global retributive justice (collective punishment, crimes against humanity) and restitutive justice (reparations, the idea of climate debt).