

SEMINAR IN ETHICS 2015/2016: ETH401H1Y

Professor: Margaret Kohn

Location: Larkin 200

Time: Monday 4-6 pm and Wednesday 10 am- 11

Individual meetings: Wednesday 11 – noon or by appointment LA 202

This seminar will expose senior undergraduates to cutting edge research in the field of ethics and normative political theory. Students will attend between six and eight presentations in the Centre for Ethics' Seminar Series, given by eminent ethics scholars from both outside and inside the university. They will also and meet with the professor the following day to discuss these presentations. Topics will include land, territory, moral aggregation, and social rights. Each participant will also meet individually with the professor to formulate an independent research topic. (Note that this is an "H1Y" course — a half-credit course taught throughout both Fall and Winter terms.)

Required reading: One or two academic papers per seminar talk will be available on Blackboard and should be read in advance.

Evaluation:

Attendance (10%): Students must attend all seminar talks. Occasionally, a talk may have to be scheduled outside of our normal class time. If you have a conflict and are not able to attend, please let the instructor know and, if possible, attend one of the "Ethics at Noon" talks as a make-up session.

Short writing assignments (2 x 20%): Students must submit two 1500 assignments providing a summary and critical analysis of one seminar. One must be submitted by December 9. The second must be submitted by April 6.

Final Term Paper (60%): One 6000 word research paper to be submitted on April 8. Each student should meet at least once with the instructor to discuss possible topics. The paper proposal (1-2 pages, including an abstract and annotated bibliography) is due no later than March 8.

Tentative Schedule (please check Blackboard for updates)

September 15, (11 am-12 noon): Introduction

September 21, (4-6 pm): Panel Discussion on Joe Carens' *The Ethics of Immigration*

September 23: Discussion

October 8 (Thursday 4 – 6 pm): Anne Philips

October 14: Discussion

October 19: David Miller

October 21: Discussion

November 2 (4-6 pm): Bonnie Honig, “What kind of thing is land? Hannah Arendt’s object relations?”

November 4 (10 am -11): Discussion

November 16 (4-6 pm): Iwao Hirose

November 18 ((10 am -11): Discussion

January and February: Charles Mills and Ebrahim Moosa, dates TBA

March 14 (4-6 pm): Christine Korsgaard

March 16 (11 am – noon): Discussion

April 4 (4-6 pm): Cecile Fabre

April 6 (11 am – noon): Discussion