

Politics 9503B/Philosophy 9128B: Central Problems in Political Theory

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This course focuses on two central themes in political theory: justice and liberty. After considering the idea that key Enlightenment values have an indigenous North American origin, we investigate four approaches to the problem of distributive justice, those of Friedrich Hayek, John Rawls, Robert Nozick, and Karl Marx. We then compare and contrast two major works on the meaning and value of individual liberty: John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*, and Sarah Conly, *Against Autonomy*.