**POLI260 PUBLIC ETHICS**

**Reading list**

1. **Introduction**

***Required Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 1 & 2.

***Further Reading***

* Wolff, J. *Ethics & Public Policy*. ‘Introduction’.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.)*The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. ‘Introduction’.
* Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (3rd edition). Ch. 1.
* Swift, A. *Political Philosophy: A Beginner’s Guide* (4th edition). ‘Introduction’.
* Goodin, R. *Utilitarianism as a Public Philosophy*.
* Mendus, S. *Politics and Morality.*
* Williams, B. *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy*.
* Sandel, M. *Justice: What’s the right thing to do?*
1. **Consent**

***Background***

* <http://www.jpe.ox.ac.uk/papers/is-sex-with-robots-rape/>
* <https://newporthistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Narrative-of-Consent_Sheinkopf_Barrington-HS.pdf>

***Required Reading***

* Grimshaw, J. ‘Ethics, Fantasy and Self-transformation’. *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 35: 145-158.
* hooks, b. *Black Looks: Race and Representation*. Ch. 4.

***Further Reading***

* Saul, J. *Feminism Issues and Arguments*. Ch. 2.
* Miller, F. & A. Wertheimer (eds.) *The Ethics of Consent: Theory & Practice*.
* Soble, A. et al (eds.) *The Philosophy of Sex: Contemporary Readings*.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.)*The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. Ch. 1, 42, & 43.
* Primoratz, I. ‘Sexual Morality: Is Consent Enough?’ *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 4 (3): 201–218
* Archard, D. *Sexual Consent*.
* Pateman, C. *The Sexual Contract*.
1. **Pornography**

***Background***

* <https://theconversation.com/what-the-latest-data-reveals-about-our-passion-for-pornography-and-its-legality-87817>
* <https://newint.org/sections/argument/2014/03/01/argument-can-porn-be-ethical>

***Required Reading***

* MacKinnon, C. ‘Pornography: Not a Moral Issue’. *Women’s Studies International Forum* 9 (1): 63-78.
* Abelove, H. et al. (eds.) *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*. Ch. 22.

***Further Reading***

* Russo, A. ‘Conflicts and Contradictions among Feminists over Issues of Pornography and Sexual Freedom’. *Women’s Studies International Forum* 10 (2): 103-112.
* Saul, J. *Feminism Issues and Arguments*. Ch. 3.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 36 & 37.
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 20 & 21.
* Dworkin, A. *Pornography: Men Possessing Women*.
* Dworkin, R. ‘Is There a Right to Pornography?’ *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 1 (2): 177-212.
* Langton, R. ‘Whose Right? Ronald Dworkin, Women, and Pornographers’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 19, 4: 311-359.
* Langton, R. ‘Speech Acts and Unspeakable Acts’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 22 (4): 293-330.
* Scoccia, D. ‘Can Liberals Support a Ban on Violent Pornography?’ *Ethics* 106: 776-799.
* Green, L. ‘Pornographies’. *Journal of Political Philosophy* 8 (1): 27-52.
1. **Piracy**

***Background***

* <https://www.ted.com/talks/margaret_stewart_how_youtube_thinks_about_copyright>
* <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/philosophy/copyright?in_menu=12529>
* ‘Fire in the Blood’ documentary (available to rent here for £1: <https://fireintheblood.com/>)

***Required Reading***

* Pang, L. ‘Mediating the Ethics of Technology: Hollywood and Movie Piracy’. *Culture, Theory and Critique* 45 (1): 19-32.
* Meissner, N. ‘Forced pirates and the ethics of digital film’. *Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society* 9 (3): 195-205.

***Further Reading***

* Brezis, M. ‘Big Pharma and Health Care: Unsolvable Conflict of Interests between Private Enterprise and Public Health’. Isr J Psychiatry Relat Sci 45 (2): 83–94.
* Moore, A. *Intellectual Property: Moral, Legal, and International Dilemmas*.
* Rooksby, E. (ed.) *Information Technology and Social Justice*.
* Merges, R. *Justifying Intellectual Property*.
* De George, R. ‘Intellectual Property and Pharmaceutical Drugs: An Ethical Analysis’. *Business Ethics Quarterly* 15 (4): 549-575.
* Sterckx, S. ‘Can drug patents be morally justified?’ *Science and Engineering Ethics* 11 (1): 81-92.
* Sterckx, S. ‘Patents and access to drugs in developing countries: an ethical analysis’. *Developing World Bioethics* 4 (1): 58-75.
* Brock, D. ‘Some questions about the moral responsibilities of drug companies in developing countries’. *Developing World Bioethics* 1: 36–37.
1. **READING WEEK**

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1. **Euthanasia**

***Background***

* <http://theconversation.com/viewpoints-should-euthanasia-be-available-for-people-with-existential-suffering-79564>
* <https://www.nybooks.com/articles/1997/03/27/assisted-suicide-the-philosophers-brief/>
* BBC documentary, ‘Terry Pratchett: Choosing to Die’.

***Required Reading***

* Singer, P. (ed.) *Applied Ethics*. Ch. 3.
* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 6.

***Further Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 5, 7 & 8.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.)*The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. Ch. 26.
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 4 & 5.
* Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (3rd edition). Ch. 7.
* Wellman, C. ‘A Moral Right to Physician-Assisted Suicide’. *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 38: 271-286.
* Varelius, J. ‘Medical Expertise, Existential Suffering and Ending Life’. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 (2):104-7
* Kamm, F. ‘A Right to Choose Death?’ *Boston Review*
* Pilpel, A. & L. Amsel. ‘What is Wrong with Rational Suicide’. *Philosophia* 11 (39): 111-123.
* McMahan, J. *The Ethics of Killing*. Ch. 5.
1. **Abortion**

***Background***

* <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/19/opinion/abortion-arguments-morality-policy.html>
* ‘Lake of Fire’ documentary by Tony Kaye

***Required Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 10 & 12

***Further Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 11 & 13
* LaFollette, H. (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. Ch. 5.
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 2 & 3.
* Tooley, M. ‘Abortion and Infanticide’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 21 (1): 37-65.
* Kamm, F. *Creation and Abortion: A Study in Moral and Legal Philosophy*.
* Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (3rd edition). Ch. 6.
* McMahan, M. ‘The Right to Choose an Abortion’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 22: 331-348.
* Davis, A. *Women, Race and Class*. Ch. 12.
* hooks, b. *Feminism is for everybody*. Ch. 5.
1. **Torture**
* <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2008/08/hitchens200808>
* <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/slightly-blighty/201701/does-torture-work>

***Required Reading***

* Shue, H. ‘Torture’. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 7 (2): 124-43.
* Sanford, L. (ed.) *Torture: A Collection.* Ch. 14.

***Further Reading***

* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 16 & 17.
* Sanford, L. (ed.) *Torture: A Collection*.
* Shue, H. *Fighting Hurt: Rule and Exception in Torture and War.*
* Steinhoff, U. *On the Ethics of Torture.*
* Brecher, B. *Torture and the Ticking Time Bomb*.
* Kamm, F. M. *Ethics for Enemies: Terror, Torture and War*.
* Luban, D. ‘Liberalism, Torture and the Ticking Bomb’ 91 Va. L. Rev. 1425-1461.
* Luban, D. *Torture, Power and Law*.
* Sussman, D. ‘What’s wrong with torture?’ *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 33 (1): 1-33.
* Miller, S. ‘Is Torture Ever Morally Justified?’ *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 19(2): 179–92.
* Waldron, J. *Torture, Terror and Trade-Offs: Philosophy for the White House*.
1. **Animals**

***Background***

* <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/philosophy/human-use-animals?in_menu=12529>
* <https://philosophybites.com/2010/06/jeff-mcmahan-on-vegetarianism.html>

***Required Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 15 & 18.

***Further Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 16, 17 & 19.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. Ch. 7.
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 6 & 7.
* Beauchamp, T. & R. Frey (eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Animal Ethics*.
* Bramble, B. & B. Fischer (eds.)*The Moral Complexities of Eating Meat*.
* Singer, P. *Animal Liberation*.
* Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (3rd edition). Ch. 5.
* Gruen, L. *Ethics and Animals: An Introduction*.
1. **Drugs**

***Background***

* <https://www.theguardian.com/news/2017/dec/05/portugals-radical-drugs-policy-is-working-why-hasnt-the-world-copied-it>
* Documentary, ‘The House I Live In’.

***Required Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 31
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 23.

***Further Reading***

* Wolff, J. *Ethics and Public Policy*. Ch. 3.
* Husak, D. *Drugs and Rights*.
* Husak, D. & P. De Marneffe (eds.) *The Legalization of Drugs*.
* Husak, D. ‘Drug Proscriptions as Proxy Crimes’. *Law and Philosophy* 36 (4): 345-366.
* Kleiman, M. ‘Neither Prohibition nor Legalization: Grudging Toleration in Drug Control Policy’. *Daedalus* 121: 53-83.
1. **Immigration**

***Background***

* Bell, D. (ed.) *Ethics and World Politics*. Ch. 20.
* <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2013/11/29/what-gives-us-a-right-to-deport-people-joseph-carens-on-the-ethics-of-immigration/>

***Required Reading***

* Wellman, C. & P. Cole. *Debating the Ethics of Immigration: Is there a right to exclude?* Ch. 1 & 12.

***Further Reading***

* Cohn, C. (ed.) *Women and Wars*. Ch. 4.
* LaFollette, H. (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. Ch. 22.
* Cohen, A and C. Wellman (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics* (2nd edition). Ch. 24 & 25.
* Carens, J. *The Ethics of Immigration*.
* Fine, S. & L. Ypi (eds.) *Migration in Political Theory: The Ethics of  Movement  and Membership*.
* Swain, C. (ed.) *Debating Immigration*.
1. **Hate Speech**

***Background***

* <http://www.freeruk.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Freeish-Speech.pdf>
* <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/08/20/alex-jones-the-first-amendment-and-the-digital-public-square>

***Required Reading***

* La Follette, H. (ed.) *Ethics in Practice* (4th edition). Ch. 38.
* Feinberg, J. *Offence to Others: The Moral Limits of Criminal Law*. Ch. 8 & 9.

***Further Reading***

* hooks, b. *Talking back: thinking feminist, thinking black*. Ch. 2.
* Mill, J. S. *On Liberty*.
* Waldron, J. *The Harm in Hate Speech*.
* Boonin, D. *Should Race Matter?* Ch. 6 & 7.
* Greenawalt, K. ‘Free Speech Justifications’. *Columbia Law Review* 89: 119-55.
* Jacobson, D. ‘Mill on liberty, speech and the free society’, *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 29: 276-309.
* Scanlon, T. ‘A Theory of Free Expression’. *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 1 pp. 204-226.
* MacKinnon, C. *Only Words*.
* Popper, K. *Open Society and its Enemies*.