Course description

The course examines the nature of distributive justice and democracy, and the ideal and actual relationships between the two. Is distributive justice (however conceived) a helpful or necessary condition for democratization or for preventing the deterioration of democracy into plutocracy? Is economic development a precondition for democracy or a result of it? Can democracy be a means of delivering distributive justice or reducing domination? Is the nature of distributive justice best decided philosophically or by democratic deliberation? How does globalization affect the answers to these questions and the moral relationships between rich and poor countries? In engaging these problems we will distinguish and assess two paradigms of democracy: aggregative democracy (preference aggregation via electoral and other procedural designs); and deliberative democracy (preference transformation via deliberative designs). Is social welfare and justice best achieved by minimalist or constitutionalist government plus liberal markets, or by participatory or deliberative governments? We will consider experiments in institutionalizing deliberative democracy in experiments in Chicago, Porto Alegre (Brazil), and Kerala (India).

Required texts (other readings available on class website)

Course requirements
Two 10-12 page papers, one due Friday April 1 and one due Friday, May 20, each worth approximately the same. Details to follow. Class attendance and participation are also important.

Tentative Schedule
(Some changes are possible.)

Part I: Distributive Justice

1. (February 1) Introduction (DC, JL, JO)

2. (February 8) Approaches to Distributive Justice: Rawls (JL)

3. (February 15) Approaches to Distributive Justice: Nozick (JL)
   - Nozick, Anarchy, State, and Utopia, pp. 10-25; 28-35; 149-64; 174-204; 213-246 (skim 216-24).

4. (February 22) Approaches to Distributive Justice: Beyond Rawls and Nozick (DC, JL, JO)

5. (March 1) Welfare Capitalism: Ideals and Realities (JO)
   - Goodin et al., The Real Worlds of Welfare Capitalism, chapters 1-2, 13-16.

6. (March 8) Is There an Empirical Side to the Ought of Justice? (JO)

7. (March 15) Justice Across Borders: State Sovereignty and Humanitarian Intervention (JL)


8. (March 29) Global Distributive Justice (JL)

### Part II: Democracy

9. (April 5) Social Choice, Arrow, and Politics (JO)
- Shepsle and Bonchek, *Analyzing Politics*, chapters 3-5.


10. (April 12): Social Choice, Justice, and Democracy (JO)

11. (April 19): Minimalist and Liberal-Constitutional Democracy: For and Against (DC)

12. (April 26): Deliberative Democracy: For and Against (DC)

13. (May 3): Deliberative Democracy at Home and Abroad (DC)
- Fung and Wright, eds., *Deepening Democracy*, Introduction; chapters 1-4; case study on Porto Alegre (also recommended: Kerala and Chicago).