

GV100 Intro to PolTheory

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Essay Plan Document

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Abstract

This is a construction of some essay plans for MT and LT topics from the Introduction to Political Theory Module. The notes are mine fully and may not be authentic to the lecturer's as they have been modified.

The format of this material is usually recounted slide by slide but some slides may be merged together as the material fits appropriately with one another.

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1 Plato

We will begin with a recap on Plato's main ideas before moving onto essay constructions.

1.1 Plato and Justice

Plato's motivation is to find the just city and to figure out what the just city entails. Yet, Platonic justice is **unknown in the beginning**. What we have is Thrasymachean Justice:

- Whatever is right for the stronger
- To the advantage of the stronger

However, even with Thrasymachus we are unsure about his motivations for justice. Are they **factual i.e. descriptive** or are they **normative i.e. what we should strive to do**? He could be advertising both

1.2 Study Questions and Plans

2 Aristotle

3 Machiavelli

4 Thomas Hobbes

5 John Stuart Mill

6 Kwame Nkrumah