

# PHIL0077: Equality

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Lecture: Uploaded to Moodle on Wednesday evening

Seminars: Fridays, weeks 6 to 10 and 12 to 16

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## Week 1: Introduction

Required:

- Larry Temkin. (2001). Inequality: A complex, individualistic, and comparative notion. *Philosophical Issues*, 11(1), 327-353. doi:10.1111/j.1758-2237.2001.tb00049.x

## Week 2: Equality and priority

Required:

- Derek Parfit (1997). Equality and priority. *Ratio*, 10(3), 202-221. doi:10.1111/1467-9329.00041

Recommended:

- Nils Holtug (2017). Prioritarianism. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia: Politics*. <https://oxfordre.com/politics/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-232>

## Week 3: Equality and sufficiency

Required:

- Roger Crisp (2003). Equality, priority, and compassion. *Ethics*, 113(4), 745-763. doi:10.1086/373954

Optional:

- Paula Casal (2007). Why sufficiency is not enough. *Ethics*, 117(2), 296-326. doi:10.1086/510692

## Week 4: Equality, priority, uncertainty

Required:

- Michael Otsuka & Alex Voorhoeve (2009). Why it matters that some are worse off than others: An argument against the priority view. *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 37(2), 171-199. doi:10.1111/j.1088-4963.2009.01154.x

Recommended:

- Michael Otsuka & Alex Voorhoeve (2018). Equality versus priority. In Serena Olsaretti (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of distributive justice* (pp. 65-85) Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### **Week 5: Egalitarianism behind the veil of ignorance**

Required:

- Lara Buchak (2017). Taking risks behind the veil of ignorance. *Ethics*, 127(3), 610-644. doi:10.1086/690070

Optional:

- John Rawls. (1971). *A theory of justice*. Harvard University Press. (Chapter 3.)

### **Week 6: Equality and responsibility**

Required:

- Richard Arneson. (1989). Equality and equal opportunity for welfare. *Philosophical Studies* 56 (1):77-93.

Optional:

- Amartya Sen (1980). Equality of what? The Tanner Lecture on Human Values. University of Utah. <https://tannerlectures.utah.edu/documents/a-to-z/s/sen80.pdf>
- Ronald Dworkin (1981). What is equality? parts 1 and 2. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 10(3), 185-246, and 10(4), 283-345.
- Gerald Cohen (1989) On the currency of egalitarian justice. *Ethics*, 99(4), 906-944. doi:10.1086/293126

### **Week 7: Equality and social status**

Required:

- Samuel Scheffler. (2005). Choice, circumstance, and the value of equality. *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 4(1), 5-28. doi:10.1177/1470594X05049434

Highly recommended:

- Elizabeth Anderson (1999) What is the point of equality? *Ethics*, 109(2), 287-337. doi:10.1086/233897

### **Week 8: Basic human equality**

Required:

- Ian Carter. (2011). Respect and the basis of equality. *Ethics*, 121(3), 538-571. doi:10.1086/658897

Recommended:

- Richard Arneson. (1999). What, if anything, renders all humans morally equal? In D. Jamieson (Ed.), *Peter Singer and his critics* (pp. 103-128) Blackwell.

## **Week 9: Equality and time**

Required:

- Dennis McKerlie (1989). Equality and time. *Ethics*, 99(3), 475-491. doi:10.1086/293092

Recommended:

- Juliana Bidadanure (2016). Making sense of age-group justice: A time for relational equality? *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 15(3), 234-260. doi:10.1177/1470594X16650542

## **Week 10: Global equality**

Required:

- Cécile Fabre (2005). Global distributive justice: An egalitarian perspective. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 35(supplement), 139-164. doi:10.1080/00455091.2005.10716852