

PHI 234/POL312 – PHILOSOPHY OF LAW/JURISPRUDENCE – SPRING 2015

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PASS/FAIL ASSIGNMENT – DUE MON MARCH 16TH

Read Agamben's piece on the State of Exception. Please answer the following questions:

- (a) What is the state of exception according to Agamben?
- (b) What is the Patriot Act? Why does Agamben mention it? See page 3.
- (c) From pages 11 to 22, the text consists in a brief history of the state of exception in different countries. You may skim this part. Summarize what Agamben says about the history of the state of exception for one country of your choice.
- (d) What are the two meanings of the expression "necessity has no law"? See page 24.
- (e) What does Santi Romano say about the state of exception? See page 27.