Exploitation, Exclusion and Discrimination

Lovanium Seminar in Ethics and Public Policy 2011-12

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Programme and Reading List

Thursday October 13, 2011 (10.30 - 17.00, Dupriez 144, 3 Place Montesquieu, LLN)

Introduction + Exploitation I
10.30 - 11.00: Toon Vandevelde, Philippe Van Parijs, Nicholas Vrousalis: practical organization
11.00 - 13.00: Philippe Van Parijs: An Overview of Contemporary Political Philosophy
13.00 - 14.00: lunch
15.30 - 17.00: General discussion introduced by Toon Vandevelde and Philippe Van Parijs

Thursday November 10, 2011 (10.30 - 17.00, Room S, Institute of Philosophy, Kard. Mercierplein, 2, Leuven)

Exploitation II
10.30 - 12.30: Nicholas Vrousalis (KULeuven): Exploitation: Concepts and Theories, Part II
12.30 - 13.30: lunch
13.30 - 15.00: Gijs van Donselaar (Universiteit van Amsterdam): Social policy and the right to exploit
15.30 - 17.00: General discussion introduced by Philippe Van Parijs and Nicholas Vrousalis

Thursday November 24, 2011 (10.30 - 17.00, Room S, Institute of Philosophy, Kard. Mercierplein, 2, Leuven)

Discrimination
10.30 - 12.30: Axel Gosseries (UCL): An egalitarian assessment of anti-discrimination law
12.30 - 13.30: lunch
13.30 - 15.00: Bea Cantillon (Universiteit Antwerpen): Social policy and the duty of insertion
15.30 - 17.00: General discussion introduced by Yannick Vanderborght (tbc) and Nicholas Vrousalis

Thursday December 8, 2011 (10.30 - 17.00, Dupriez 144, 3 Place Montesquieu, LLN)

Exclusion
10.30 - 12.30: Filip Dorsssemont (UCL): Non-discrimination versus worker protection
12.30 - 13.30: lunch
13.30 - 15.00: Isabelle Ferreras (UCL): Exploitation and alienation at work in post-industrial capitalism - and what to do about it
15.30 - 17.00: General discussion introduced by Toon Vandevelde and Nicholas Vrousalis
Thursday March 1, 2012 (10.30 – 17.00, Room S, Institute of Philosophy, Kard. Mercierplein, 2, Leuven)

10.30 – 11.10: Stijn Van Tongerloo: Discrimination in Private Life
11.10 – 11.50: Andrew Galbraith: Gay Marriage, Exploitation and Discrimination
11.50 – 12.05: break
12.05 – 12.45: Luke Mc Innis: Understanding the Right to Exploit

12.45 - 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14.40: Roy Varghese: Affirmative Action and Positive Discrimination in India
15.20 – 15.35: break
15.35 – 16.15: Asher Kramer: How Can Mutually Beneficial Transactions Be Morally Wrong?

Thursday March 15, 2012 (10.30 – 1700, Salle du Conseil, Lecl 93, Place Montesquieu, 1, Louvain La Neuve)

10.30 – 11.10: Chris Schwarz: Can Nature Be Exploited?
11.10 – 11.50: Théogène Havugimana: Positive Discrimination and Women Empowerment Policy in East Africa
11.50 – 12.05: break
12.05 – 12.45: Olivier Jegou: (Re)assessing Socialism: Why Neocorporatist Strategies Are Better to Answer the Exploitation Problem

12.45 – 14.00: Lunch

15.20 – 15.35: break
15.35 – 16.15: Martin Kuka : Greece in the Pit
16.15 – 16.55: Xavier Meulders : From Marxian Objectivism to Libertarian Subjectivism

Thursday March 29, 2012 (10.30 – 17.00, D350, Place Montesquieu, 3, Louvain La Neuve)

10.30 – 11.10: Diego Hernandez: On Capitalist Exploitation and its Unfairness
11.10 – 11.50: Emmanuele Murra: Exploitation, Basic Income and its Funding. In Search of a Tax Design that Minimize Exploitation
12.00 – 12.05: break
12.05 – 12.45: Lode Cossaer: Real Freedom for All – a Critique

12.45 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14.40: Nikolai Grbovic: Exploitation and Free Trade
14.40 – 15.20: Donatus Sinkunas: Sweatshops, Western Consumerism and Paternalist Policy
15.20 – 15.35: break

**Thursday April 19, 2012 (13.00 – 17.00, Room S, Institute of Philosophy, Kard. Mercierplein, 2, Leuven)**

14.00 – 14.40: Sebastien Sakkas: The Public Regulation of Surrogate Motherhood: a Comparative Perspective
14.40 – 15.20: Carol Linnitt: Vulnerability, the Environment and the Pursuit of Self-Interest
15.20 – 15.30: break
15.30 – 17.00: Final Conclusion of the seminar

**Guidelines for papers and presentations**

Papers of max. 7000 words. Please email directly to each of the co-teachers one week before presentation, with the title: “EPP seminar paper [YOUR SURNAME]”:

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Papers will be circulated to all seminar participants. Try to state and to defend a clear normative position.

Presentation of 20 minutes followed by 20 minutes for discussion: please produce a hand-out for the presentation (use of PowerPoint is possible, but is not necessary if there is a hand-out). Make your presentation accessible and attractive. Preferably do not read your text, but explain your point with the help of your hand-out. Communicate with your public.

You will be graded on the basis of the quality of your paper and presentation, and also on the basis of your interventions in the seminar.
**Session 1, 13 October (Louvain-la-Neuve)**

Readings:


**Session 2, 10 November (Leuven)**

Readings:


**Session 3, 24 November (Leuven)**

Readings:


**Session 4, 8 December (Louvain-la-Neuve)**

Readings:


Anthologies on Exploitation


General Accounts

Marxism


Liberalism


**Specific Topics**

**Exploitation between countries**


**Sweatshops**


**Unfree Labour/Human Trafficking**


**Guest Workers**


**Surrogacy and Commodification**
