

ICS Calendar Title: Democracy and Diversity
ICS Course Code: ICS-222601-W16
Instructor: Dr. Philip Shadd
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1. Course Description*

Modern democracies are not only made up of diverse individuals but diverse cultures. How ought liberal democracies address cultural pluralism, especially when the claims of cultures conflict? This question is explored principally by critically examining liberal multiculturalism, which argues that group-differentiated rights are not only consistent with, but required by, the basic liberal democratic values of freedom and equality. Ultimately the course goes beyond a secular multiculturalism by seeking to understand cultural pluralism within a political theological framework. Will Kymlicka and Nicholas Wolterstorff are among the theorists considered, and particular attention is given both to Quebec and Islam as case studies.

**This syllabus is based on a course outline previously developed and taught at ICS by Dr. Jonathan Chaplin, Spring 2005, course code ICT 2632 SO5.*

2. Reading Schedule

Week 1: The Problematic

- Selections from the Bouchard-Taylor Report

Week 2: The Proposal: Liberal Multiculturalism

- Taylor, "The Politics of Recognition" (pp. 25-73)

Week 3: The Proposal: Liberal Multiculturalism

- Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, chs. 1-4 (pp. 1-74)

Week 4: The Proposal: Liberal Multiculturalism

- Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, chs. 5-6 (pp. 75-130)
- Chaplin, "How Much Cultural and Religious Pluralism can Liberalism Tolerate?" (pp. 32-49)

Week 5: The Proposal: Liberal Multiculturalism

- Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, chs. 7-10 (pp. 131-195)

Week 6: Objections to Liberal Multiculturalism

- e.g., Okin, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?" (pp. 9-24)

Week 7: Liberal Multiculturalism Strikes Back

- Modood, *Multiculturalism*, chs. 1-4 (pp. 1-74)

Week 8: Liberal Multiculturalism Strikes Back

- Modood, *Multiculturalism*, chs. 5-7 (pp. 75-151)

Week 9: Liberal Multiculturalism Strikes Back

- Modood, *Multiculturalism*, chs. 8-10 (pp. 152-195)

Week 10: Political Theology and Pluralism

- Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy: Essays in Political Philosophy*, chs. 5-6 (pp. 113-176)

Week 11: Political Theology and Pluralism

- Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy: Essays in Political Philosophy*, chs. 7-10 (pp. 177-276)

Week 12: Political Theology and Pluralism

- Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy: Essays in Political Philosophy*, chs. 11-14 (pp. 277-352)

Week 13: Wrap-Up

- Readings TBD

NOTE: The instructor retains the right to make adjustments to this syllabus for the class' benefit.

3. Course Learning Goals

Students will be able to:

1. understand the moral and political questions raised by cultural pluralism in order to address them in ways consistent with the basic values of liberal democracy;
2. analyze cultural diversity both from liberal multicultural and political theological perspectives in order to theorize cultural pluralism on a theological foundation while also incorporating the best insights of secular thought;
3. practically apply the political theory of multiculturalism in order to respond to real-world issues justly and Biblically.

4. Course Requirements and Description and Weighting of Elements to be Evaluated

1. Weekly reading: approx. 75 pages/week
2. Application Essays: Students will write two short essays, approx. 500 words each, relating current events to themes discussed in class. Students will discuss two such issues, one per essay.
3. Seminar Presentation: Students will each take a turn presenting the week's readings. Presenters will summarize and lead group discussion on the week's readings, stimulating the class to critically reflect on key questions and concepts.
4. Description of course project: Students must research and write a substantial paper on a topic pertinent to the course material. The paper should be 3000-4000 words (approx. 15

pages) in length for M.A. students, 5000-6000 (approx. 20 pages) for Ph.D. students.

Description and weighting of elements to be evaluated:

- i. Class participation: 20%
- ii. Application Essays: 20%
- iii. Seminar Presentation: 20%
- iv. Research Paper: 40%

5. Required Readings

G rard Bouchard and Charles Taylor, "Building the Future: A Time for Reconciliation." A report by the Commission de Consultation sur les Pratiques d'Accommodement Reli es aux Diff rences Culturelles (2008). Available online: <https://www.mce.gouv.qc.ca/publications/CCPARDC/rapport-final-integral-en.pdf>

Jonathan Chaplin. "How Much Cultural and Religious Pluralism Can Liberalism Tolerate" in John Horton, ed., *Liberalism, Multiculturalism and Toleration* (Macmillan, 1993), 32-49. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: ON ORDER ; Robarts Library: HM276 .L465 1993)

Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*. (Oxford, 1995). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JF1061 .K96 1995)

Tariq Modood, *Multiculturalism*, 2nd ed. (Polity, 2013). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HM1271 .M63 2013) ; Robarts Library: HM1271 .M63 2013Y)

Susan Moller Okin, "Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?" in J. Cohen et al., eds., *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?* (Princeton, 1999), 9-24. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HQ1161 .O45 1999 ; Knox College Library: HQ1161 .O45 1999 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8842281>)

Charles Taylor, "The Politics of Recognition," in Amy Gutmann, ed., *Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition* (Princeton, 1994), 25-73. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: E184 .A1 M84 1994)

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Understanding Liberal Democracy: Essays in Political Philosophy*, edited by T. Cuneo (Oxford, 2012). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC423 .W658 2012)

6. Some Recommended Readings

Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Odysseys: Navigating the New International Politics of Diversity* (Oxford, 2007). (St. Michael's College Library: JF1061 .K963 2007 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8188386>)

Anthony Simon Laden and David Owen, eds., *Multiculturalism and Political Theory* (Cambridge, 2007). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: ON ORDER ; Robarts Library: HM1271 .M837 2007)

Richard J. Mouw and Sander Griffioen, *Pluralisms and Horizons: An Essay on Christian Public Philosophy* (Eerdmans, 1993). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BT738 .M68)

James Tully, *Strange Multiplicity: Constitutionalism in an Age of Diversity* (Cambridge, 1995). (ICS

Library Reserve Shelf: JF1061 .T85 1995 ; Robarts Library: JF1061 .T85 1995X)

Other Resources

Brian Barry, *Culture and Equality: An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism* (Harvard, 2001). (Robarts Library: HM1271 .B37 2001)

Ronald Beiner and Wayne Norman, eds., *Canadian Political Philosophy* (Oxford, 2001). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC253 .C36 2001)

Seyla Benhabib, *The Claims of Culture: Equality and Diversity in the Global Era* (Princeton, 2002). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: HM631 .B45 2002)

Joseph H. Carens, *Culture, Citizenship and Community: A Contextual Exploration of Justice as Evenhandedness* (Oxford, 2000). (St. Michaels College Library: JC578 .C43 2000 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/7885349>)

Joshua Cohen et al., eds., *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?* (Princeton, 1999). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: ON ORDER ; Knox College Library: HQ1161 .O45 1999 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8842281>)

Monique Deveaux, *Gender and Justice in Multicultural Liberal States* (Oxford, 2006). (Robarts Library: HQ1236 .D48 2006 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/7929093>)

Avigail Eisenberg and Jeff Spinner-Halev, eds., *Minorities within Minorities: Equality, Rights, and Diversity* (Cambridge, 2005). (Robarts Library: HM1271 .M456 2005 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8157372>)

Sander Griffioen, "Is a Pluralist Ethos Possible?" *Philosophia Reformata* 59 (1994): 11-25. (ICS Library: PER)

Amy Gutmann, ed., *Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition* (Princeton, 1994). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: E184 .A1 M84 1994)

Chandran Kukathas, "Are There Any Cultural Rights?" *Political Theory* 20 (1995), 105-139. (ICS Library: PER)

Chandran Kukathas, *The Liberal Archipelago: A Theory of Diversity and Freedom* (Oxford, 2003). (Robarts Library: JF1061 .K85 2003 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8987947>)

Will Kymlicka, *Liberalism, Community and Culture* (Oxford, 1989). (Robarts Library: HM276 .K96 1989)

Will Kymlicka, ed., *The Rights of Minority Cultures* (Oxford, 1995). (Robarts Library: JF1061 .R54 1995)

Will Kymlicka, *Politics in the Vernacular: Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and Citizenship* (Oxford, 2001). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JF1061 .K964 2001)

Cécile Laborde, *Critical Republicanism: The Hijab Controversy and Political Philosophy* (Oxford, 2008). (Robarts Library: BP190.5 .H44 L33 2008 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/7884548>)

Jocelyn Maclure and Charles Taylor, *Secularism and Freedom of Conscience* (Harvard, 2011).

(Robarts Library: BL2747.8 .M32313 2011X ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8846515>)

Margaret Moore, "Internal Minorities and Indigenous Self-Determination," in A. Eisenberg and J. Spinner-Halev, eds., *Minorities within Minorities: Equality, Rights, and Diversity* (Cambridge, 2005), 271-293. (Robarts Library: HM1271 .M456 2005 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8157372>)

James Olthuis, ed., *Towards an Ethics of Community: Negotiations of Difference in a Pluralist Society* (Wilfrid Laurier, 2000). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD394 .T68 2000)

Bhikhu Parekh, *Rethinking Multiculturalism: Cultural Diversity and Political Theory* (Harvard, 2002). (Robarts Library: HM1271 .P37 2000 -different ed.)

Anne Phillips, *Multiculturalism without Culture* (Princeton, 2007). (Robarts Library: HQ1161 .P452 2007X ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8843784>)

John Rawls, *Justice as Fairness: A Restatement* (Harvard, 2001). (Robarts Library: JC578 .R3693 2001X)

John Rawls, *Political Liberalism*, expanded edition (Columbia UP, 2005). (Robarts Library: JC578 .R37 2005X)

John Rawls, "The Idea of Public Reason Revisited," in J. Rawls, *Political Liberalism*, expanded edition (Columbia UP, 2005), 440-490. (Robarts Library: JC578 .R37 2005X)

Ayelet Schachar, *Multicultural Jurisdictions: Cultural Differences and Women's Rights* (Cambridge, 2001). (Robarts Library: K644 .S53 2001 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8157438>)

Tim Schouls, *Shifting Boundaries: Aboriginal Identity, Pluralist Theory, and the Politics of Self-Government* (UBC, 2003). (Victoria University, Emmanuel College Library: E92 .S43 2003 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/9091239>)

James W. Skillen, *Recharging the American Experiment: Principled Pluralism for Genuine Civic Community* (Baker, 1994). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JK271 .S541 1994)

Sarah Song, *Justice, Gender, and the Politics of Multiculturalism* (Cambridge, 2007). (Robarts Library: HQ1237 .S66 2007 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8365754>)

Charles Taylor, *Reconciling the Solitudes: Essays on Canadian Federalism and Nationalism* (McGill/Queen's, 1993). (Robarts Library: F5091 .T33 1993 ; UofT Library e-resource: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/8046506>)

Charles Taylor, "Democratic Exclusion (and Its Remedies?)" in C. Taylor, *Dilemmas and Connections: Selected Essays* (Belknap Press, 2011), 124-145. [ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B995.T31 2011]

Iris Marion Young, *Justice and the Politics of Difference* (Princeton, 1990). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: JC578 .Y68 1990)

Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion and Embrace* (Abingdon, 1996). (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BV4509.5 .V65 1996)

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *The Mighty and the Almighty: An Essay in Political Theology* (Cambridge,

2014). (ICS Library: BT83.59 .W65 2012)

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