

Philosophy 701S  
**Pro-seminar in political philosophy**  
Spring 2013

Thursdays, 10:05 - 12:35  
West Duke 204

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**Schedule**

- Thursday, Jan 10      Introduction. No reading.
- Jan 17                J.S. Mill, *Considerations on Representative Government* (1861), chh. 1-4
- Jan 24                Mill, chh. 5-8 and 10.
- Jan 31                M.B.E. Smith, "Is there a prima facie obligation to obey the law?"  
*Yale Law Journal* 82 (1973): 95-76.
- February 7          A.J. Simmons, *Moral Principles and Political Obligation* (1979): 101-8, 114-142.
- Feb 14                R. Sartorius, "Political authority and political obligation," *Virginia Law Review*  
67 (1981): 3-17.
- Feb 21                J. Raz, "The obligation to obey: revision and tradition," *Notre Dame Journal of  
Law, Ethics, & Public Policy* 1(1984): 139-55.
- Feb 28                R. Dworkin, *Freedom's Law* (1996), Introduction.
- March 7                J. Waldron, "Judicial review and the conditions of democracy," *Journal of  
Political Philosophy* 6 (1998): 335-55.
- Spring break.*
- March 21              J. Elster, "The market and the forum: Three varieties of political theory," in  
Bohman and Rehg (eds.) *Deliberative Democracy* (1997), ch. 1.
- March 28              J. Cohen, "Deliberation and democratic legitimacy," in Bohman and Rehg, ch. 2.
- April 4                D. Estlund, *Democratic Authority* (2008), chh. 4-6.
- April 11                Estlund, chh.7-8.

## **Procedures**

Students will make presentations in class, beginning February 14. Presentations last 40 minutes. We will model the sort of thing we are looking for during the first four weeks.

Each week, a 600 word paper is due by midnight Wednesday, to the digital dropbox in Sakai. Topics will be posted the previous Thursday.

Short papers will be graded. Your top 8/11 paper grades will count for 40 percent of your final grade. You get a free pass the week you present. Grades will be P+, P, P-.

10 page term paper worth 30 percent (presentation topic is your default topic). Class presentation worth 20 percent and general participation worth 10 percent.

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