

Politics 9504b: Political Theory II

TOLERATION

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Time and Location TBA

A seminar on the idea of toleration from its historical origins to questions about its applicability today. The course will begin with a critical examination of Locke's defence of religious toleration, examining different views of the basis of his argument. It will move on to discuss other views of its basis, such as "moral pluralism" and "essential contestability", and to assess the place of the concept in relation to ideas of cultural accommodation and the politics of recognition today.