

Philosophy 9122b: Toleration

The seminar begins with a close reading of the debate over religious toleration between John Locke and a critic. How should Locke's case be understood -- as a defence of autonomy, as a form of fallibilism, or as contractualist? We will then turn to later views that attempt to provide toleration with an ethical or epistemological basis. Finally, we shall discuss three case studies: cultural accommodation, the place of religion in public life, and the regulation of speech.