Philosophy 9218A/Politics 9503A – Central Problems in Political Theory
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This course examines some central problems in political theory: freedom, distributive justice, and specific problems of justice relating to race, gender, and climate change. By the end of the course, students will be able to:

(1) Describe the problem of individual freedom and explain -- and evaluate -- the main arguments in its favour and the case against it,
(2) Describe the history of the modern problem of distributive justice (‘who should get what?’) and the pros and cons of the most influential recent work on the problem,
(3) Critically evaluate recent debates about justice, race, gender, and the ethics of climate change.