

Multiculturalism and Its Controversies

This course explores the meanings of multiculturalism, distinguishing societal, political and theoretical dimensions as well as liberal and republican models. What is a multicultural society? Who constitutes the “multi” and what constitutes the “cultural” in multicultural? What is perceived as otherness and why? What are the underlying assumptions about citizenship and democracy informing different conceptions of multiculturalism? What are their implications for creating a more inclusive society? In overviewing classic and recent works, this course tackles the challenges and opportunities involved in the accommodation of “diversity” and sheds light on the dynamics that reinforce political and cultural difference.

1. The challenge of Multiculturalism: sociological, political and moral approaches

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- **Kymlicka, Will** “The Politics of Multiculturalism” in *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights*.
- **Parekh, Bhiku (2006)**. “Introduction” in *Rethinking Multiculturalism*, Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 1-15.

2. To accommodate or to recognize... what? The issues at stake in the normative values of cultures

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Issues and Theories

3. Against Multiculturalism: the liberal-egalitarian position (Brian Barry, Susan Okin)

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- **Susan Moller Okin (1999)**. *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 7-24
- **Barry, Brian (2002)**. “Essentialism and Multiculturalism: A Response.” *Ethnicities* 2, no 2: 261–287. www.jstor.org/stable/23890532

4. Immigration and nation

- **Miller, David (2008)**. "Immigrants, Nations, and Citizenship." *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, 16, 4: 371–390
- **Scheffler, Samuel (2007)**. Immigration and the Significance of Culture. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 35, 2: 93-125.

5. Immigration and State: open borders and exclusion

- **Cole, Phillip (2010)**. "The American Fence: Liberal Political Theory and the Immorality of Membership," in Calder, G., Cole, P. and Seglow, J. (eds). *Citizenship Acquisition and National Belonging*. Palgrave, 38-51.
- **Carens, Joseph (1987)**. "Aliens and Citizens: The Case for Open Borders", *The Review of Politics*, 49, 2: 251-273.

6. Accommodating Multiculturalism: 1) *formal* recognition of cultural minorities: liberal-national (Will Kymlicka) and communitarian (Charles Taylor) conceptions

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- **Lyshaug, Brenda (2004)**. « Authenticity and the Politics of Identity: A Critique of Charles Taylor's Politics of Recognition," *Contemporary Political Theory*, 3: 300-320

7. Accommodating Multiculturalism: 2) recognition as an intersubjective process of development (J. Tully) and of deconstruction of power hierarchies (I. M. Young).

- **Young, Iris (1989)**. «Polity and group difference: A critique of the ideal of universal citizenship", *Ethics*, 99: 2: 250-274.
- **Tully, James (2000)**. "Struggles over Recognition and Distribution", *Constellations*, 7, 4: 469-482

8. Redistribution vs recognition: the debate between Honneth and Fraser

- **Honneth, Axel (2001)**. "Recognition or Redistribution? Changing Perspectives on the Moral Order of Society", *Theory, Culture & Society*, 18, 2-3: 43-55.
- **Fraser, Nancy (2001)**. " Recognition without Ethics? ", *Theory, Culture & Society*, 18, 2-3: 21-42.