

Phil 452b/652b Spring 1913
History of Early Modern Ethics
W 1:30-3:20 pm
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Hobbes's *Leviathan* (1651) shook ethics' traditional foundations and forced those who would defend morality against what they saw to be Hobbes' nihilism to do so in a framework that, like Hobbes's, took seriously the emerging worldview of modern science. Thus began a period of exciting and fruitful moral philosophy that stretched through the end of the eighteenth century and into the nineteenth. Indeed, debates now current in moral philosophy almost always can be traced back to origins during this period.

This course will be a study of several of the central writers and texts of this "enlightenment" and post-enlightenment period. In addition to Hobbes, we shall read Hutcheson, Butler, Hume, Kant, Bentham, and Adam Smith, and end with a radical critic of this broad tradition: Nietzsche.

Books ordered through Yale Bookstore

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. E. M. Curley, Hackett, ISBN 9780872201774
Francis Hutcheson, *An Inquiry into the Original of Our Ideas of Beauty and Virtue*, ed. Leidhold, Liberty Classics, ISBN 9780865977747
(pdf available at http://files.libertyfund.org/files/858/0449_LFeBk.pdf)
Bishop Joseph Butler, *Sermons*, ed. Darwall, Hackett, ISBN 9780915145614
David Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, ed. Norton and Norton, Oxford, ISBN 9780198751724
Adam Smith, *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, ed. Raphael and Macfie, Liberty Classics, ISBN 9780865970120
(pdf available at http://files.libertyfund.org/files/192/0141-01_Bk.pdf)
Immanuel Kant, *The Critique of Practical Reason*, ed. Gregor, Cambridge, ISBN 9780521599627
Jeremy Bentham, *Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, Prometheus, ISBN 9780879754341
Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*, ed. Ansell-Pearson, Cambridge, ISBN 9780521691635

Also, for graduate students:

Stephen Darwall, *The British Moralists and the Internal 'Ought': 1640-1740*, Cambridge, ISBN 9780521457828

January 16	Introduction Graduate students: Darwall, “Grotius at the Creation of Modern Moral Philosophy” (on Classes*v2) and Darwall, <i>British Moralists</i> , ch. 1
January 23	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , intro, chs. 1-11 Graduate students: Darwall, “Projection and Normativity in Hobbes’s <i>Leviathan</i> ” (on Classes*v2)
January 30	Hobbes, <i>Leviathan</i> , chs. 13-17, 21 Graduate students: Darwall, <i>British Moralists</i> , ch. 3
February 6	Hutcheson, <i>Inquiry</i> , Bk. II, intro, secs. 1-4, 7 Graduate students: Darwall, <i>British Moralists</i> , ch. 8
February 13	Butler, <i>Sermons</i> 1-5 and <i>Dissertation upon the Nature of Virtue</i> Graduate students: Darwall, <i>British Moralists</i> , ch. 9
February 20	Hume, <i>Treatise of Human Nature</i> , II.iii.3, III.i.1-2, III.ii.1-2
February 27	Hume, <i>Treatise of Human Nature</i> , III.ii.3-6 Graduate students: Darwall, <i>British Moralists</i> , ch. 10
March 6	Smith, <i>Theory of Moral Sentiments</i> , pp. 9-50, 67-97
March 27	Kant, <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , 5: 3-41
April 3	Kant, <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , 5: 42-71
April 10	Kant, <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , 5: 71-106
April 17	Bentham, <i>Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation</i> , chs. 1-5, 10
April 24	Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i> , chs. 1-2

Students will write 3 (2-3 page) response papers, sent electronically by 5 pm on Tuesday preceding the seminar—so ¼ of the class will have response papers due in any given week.

Students will also write a 15-20-page essay on a topic of their choosing relevant to the class.

Deadlines: April 3, 5 pm: all students clear topics with me
 April 25, 11:59 pm: grad students: first draft due
 May 1, 11:59 pm: undergrads: final paper due
 May 7, 11:59 pm: grad students: final papers due

Grades: 20% response papers, 20% seminar participation, 60% final paper.