Advanced Political Theory- Justice and Injustice Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. To develop a sophisticated understanding of core **normative political theory** concepts, including liberty, equality, rights, and the common good.
2. To critically evaluate classic and contemporary theories of **distributive justice**, from Rawlsian liberalism to Marxist and libertarian critiques.
3. To analyze the relationship between **power, authority, and legitimacy** in a just political order.
4. To deconstruct the concepts of **social injustice** and **systemic inequality** by exploring their historical and philosophical roots.
5. To engage with cutting-edge debates on **global justice**, addressing issues such as migration, international law, and global poverty.
6. To examine the role of **critical theory** and **poststructuralism** in re-imagining justice beyond traditional frameworks.
7. To apply frameworks of justice to real-world issues, including **environmental justice**, **gender equality**, and **criminal justice reform**.
8. To explore the challenges of achieving **democratic justice** in an era of populism and political polarization.
9. To investigate the intersectionality of various forms of injustice, including those based on **race, gender, and class**.
10. To master the art of **philosophical argumentation** and **ethical reasoning** to construct and defend compelling theoretical positions.
11. To develop an advanced understanding of the political thought of key figures such as John Rawls, Robert Nozick, and Amartya Sen.
12. To analyze the relationship between **political resistance, civil disobedience**, and the pursuit of justice.
13. To evaluate the role of public policy in addressing and mitigating various forms of **structural injustice**.

Target Audience

1. **Graduate Students** in political science, philosophy, law, and sociology.
2. **Public Policy Professionals** seeking a deeper theoretical foundation for their work.
3. **NGO and Non-Profit Leaders** focused on social justice advocacy.
4. **Journalists and Researchers** covering political and social issues.
5. **Educators** in social studies and political science.
6. **Government Analysts** and civil servants.
7. **Legal Scholars and Human Rights Advocates**.
8. **Civic-minded individuals** with a strong interest in deepening their understanding of political theory.

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational Theories of Justice

- Explore classical views on justice from Plato and Aristotle.
- Examine the social contract tradition of Locke, Rousseau, and Hobbes.
- Deconstruct John Rawls's "Justice as Fairness" and its core principles.
- Analyze libertarian critiques of distributive justice, particularly from Robert Nozick.
- **Case Study:** The debates over progressive taxation and universal basic income (UBI) through the lens of Rawls vs. Nozick.

Module 2: The Politics of Injustice and Inequality

- Investigate the philosophical concepts of systemic and structural injustice.
- Analyze theories of oppression and domination from thinkers like Iris Marion Young.
- Discuss the relationship between economic inequality and political power.
- Explore the concept of "unjust enrichment" and its moral implications.
- **Case Study:** The legacy of historical injustice in the context of reparations for slavery and colonialism.

Module 3: Rights, Liberty, and the Rule of Law

- Examine different conceptions of rights: natural rights vs. positive rights.
- Debate the limits of liberty and the harm principle.
- Analyze the role of the judiciary and constitutionalism in upholding justice.
- Explore the tension between individual rights and collective goals.
- **Case Study:** The legal and philosophical arguments surrounding the right to privacy in the digital age.

Module 4: Global and International Justice

- Delve into theories of global justice, including cosmopolitanism and communitarianism.
- Discuss the moral obligations of affluent nations to the global poor.
- Analyze the concept of just war theory and its application in modern conflicts.
- Examine the role of international institutions like the UN in promoting justice.
- **Case Study:** The ethical dilemma of climate change, focusing on who bears the responsibility for mitigation and adaptation.

Module 5: Environmental and Climate Justice

- Explore the philosophical underpinnings of environmental ethics.
- Analyze the concept of intergenerational justice.
- Discuss how environmental burdens are disproportionately distributed among different social groups.
- Examine the role of corporations and states in environmental degradation.

- **Case Study:** The Flint water crisis, analyzing it as a case of environmental injustice and systemic neglect.

Module 6: Gender, Race, and Identity

- Examine the philosophical critiques of justice from feminist political theorists.
- Deconstruct the concept of intersectionality and its importance for understanding injustice.
- Discuss the role of identity politics in the pursuit of social justice.
- Analyze how historical and ongoing racial injustices shape contemporary political life.
- **Case Study:** The Black Lives Matter movement, framed as a demand for racial justice and a critique of institutional injustice.

Module 7: Democracy, Protest, and Civil Disobedience

- Explore the relationship between democracy and the pursuit of justice.
- Analyze the moral and political justifications for civil disobedience.
- Discuss the role of social movements in challenging unjust laws and policies.
- Examine the ethics of protest in a democratic society.
- **Case Study:** The Hong Kong pro-democracy protests, examining the justifications for and against civil disobedience in response to perceived political injustice.

Module 8: The Future of Justice: Technology and Power

- Examine the ethical and political implications of artificial intelligence and automation.
- Discuss the concept of algorithmic injustice and its impact on society.
- Analyze the role of big data and surveillance in shaping notions of freedom and privacy.
- Explore the philosophical arguments for and against a global digital common.
- **Case Study:** Debates over data privacy and facial recognition technology, using a framework of justice to evaluate their societal impact.

Training Methodology

- **Socratic Seminars:** Led discussions to critically examine foundational texts.
- **Case Study Analysis:** Group work to apply theoretical frameworks to real-world scenarios.
- **Debate and Role-Playing:** Structured exercises to argue different philosophical positions.
- **Guest Lectures:** Insights from leading scholars and practitioners in the field.
- **Research Projects:** Individual and group assignments to foster independent inquiry and critical writing.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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