LGST 920 GRADUATE SEMINAR, FALL 2022
SYLLABUS

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Course Description
This course is a seminar for Ph.D students that selectively introduces some issues in moral and political philosophy and social ontology that are relevant to understanding the normative dimensions of market interactions and market institutions.

Course Requirements
The primary requirement for the course is a paper of roughly 5000-10000 words (excluding footnotes and references), due on December 15th. You should propose a topic to me by the beginning of November, present your ideas around the time of Thanksgiving Break, and send an outline or draft to me by December 1st (these are requirements for a good grade).

Students are also graded on the quantity and quality of participation in seminar discussion. We will equally take turns presenting the material each week.

READING LIST

This list is subject to change during the course of the semester.
* indicates that a reading is recommended for background.

I. SOCIAL CONTRACT THEORY

Class 1 (Aug 31-Sep 2) Contractualism: What is it?

Class 2 (Sep 5-9)  
Scanlon’s Contractualism (1):
Why Doesn’t it Collapse into Consequentialism?


Class 3 (Sep 12-16)  
Scanlon’s Contractualism (2):
Do Promises Require Practices?

Hume, *A Treatise on Human Nature*, III.ii.1-2, 5
Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, §52
T.M. Scanlon, *What We Owe to Each Other* (1998), pp. 295–317
Kolodny and Wallace, ‘Promises and practices revisited,’ *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 31 (2003); 119–154

Class 4 (Sep 19-23)  
Rawls’s Contractualism (1):
Why Political Liberalism?


Class 5 (Sep 26-30)  
Rawls’s Contractualism (2): Why Institutionalism?

II. SOCIAL ONTOLOGY

Class 6 (Oct 3-7)  
**Shared Agency: is it a primitive?**


Class 7 (Oct 10-14)  
**Corporate Agency**


Class 8 (Oct 17-21)  
**Social Kinds: Real?**

Sally Haslanger, ‘Ontology and social construction,’ *Philosophical Topics* 23 (1995): 95–125

Class 9 (Oct 24-28)  
**Do Social Norms have Anything to do with Morality?**

Han von Wietmarschen, ‘What is social hierarchy,’ *Noûs* (2021) early view  [https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12387](https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12387)
Ezequiel Monti, ‘Are there any conventional obligations?’ manuscript
III. MONEY, DEBT, AND EXCHANGE

Class 10 (Oct 31-Nov 4) Money: Does it Need the State?


Class 11 (Nov 7-11) Money: Should Some Things Not Be for Sale?


Class 12 (Nov 14-18) Debt: Does a Debtor have a Moral Obligation to Pay?

David Graeber, Debt: The First 5000 Years (2011), 1–18, 43–71
Jed Lewinsohn, ‘By convention alone’ (manuscript)

Optional Class (Nov 21-25) Paper presentations

Class 13 (Nov 28-Dec 2) What is Exchange?

Joshua Stein, ‘Exchanging for reasons, right and wrong,’ Journal of Social Inquiry, forthcoming
Class 14 (Dec 5-9)  Can Markets have Objectionable Meanings?


Julian Jonker, ‘A dilemma for expressive objections about markets,’ manuscript

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