

ATA 584: Solidarity in a Complex Society
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We are currently witnessing a resurgence of interest in the concept of solidarity, which had long remained a concept neglected by social scientists. This new development has to do with the increasingly salient difficulties of co-existence in modern societies. These difficulties are addressed in diverse currents of analysis, which focus on different issues ranging from multiculturalism to redistributive justice, or from problems of recognition of difference to individual freedom, political democracy and income equality. These issues and problems together define the question that forms the starting point of the line of inquiry this course is intended to pursue through a discussion of different theoretical contributions: “How is society possible?” or “How can we live together in a complex society?”.

A “complex society” is one where multiple and possibly changing identities, be they primordial, class-based or chosen, define both the formation of the individual self and the constituent elements of social life. It is in such a society that the notion of solidarity, which refers to feelings of sympathy and responsibility that promotes mutual support and the willingness to share resources with others, acquires its contemporary significance. What, then, are the societal foundations on which solidarity can be sustained and translated into social relations that would not be hostile, oppressive or exclusionary?

Course Evaluation: Each student will be responsible for presenting (and later submitting in written form) one (or one group) of the readings in the course outline. Course evaluation will be based on these presentations and a take-home final examination.

Office Hours: **Tuesday, 14:30-16.30, Social Policy Forum**

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Introduction

II. On Solidarity

H. Brunkhorst, *Solidarity: From Civic Friendship to a Global Community*, The MIT Press, 2005, ch. 3.

F.-N. Babeuf and S. Marechal, "The manifesto of equality" in L.P. Pojman (ed.), *Equality*, Oxford Univ. Press, 1997, 49-52

III. Society and Economy

Hayek, "Kinds of order in society", *New Individualist Review* ed. by M. Friedman, Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1981.

Polanyi, *Great Transformation*, Boston: Beacon Press, 1944, chapters 4, 5, 6, 12.

IV. On Citizenship

T. H. Marshall, "Citizenship and social class" (abridged version) in D. Held et al. (eds.), *States and Societies*, Oxford: Martin Robertson in association with The Open University, pp. 248-260.

C. Pateman, "The patriarchal welfare state" in A. Guttmann (ed.), *Democracy and the Welfare State*, Princeton University Press, 1988, pp. 231-260.

V. Basic Structure, Justice and Equality

J. Rawls, "The basic structure as subject" in A. I. Goldman and J. Kim (eds.), *Values and Morals*, D. Reidel Publishing Co., 1978, pp. 47-72.

G.A. Cohen, "Incentives, Inequality and Community" in S. Darwall (ed.), *Equal Freedom: Selected Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press, 1995, pp. 331-398.

A Sen, "Freedom and Foundations of Justice" in A. Sen, *Development as Freedom*, New York: Anchor Books, 1999, pp. 54-86.

VI. Beyond the market: Meritocracy, responsibility and social justice

B. Barry, *Why Social Justice Matters*, Polity Press, 2005, pp. 106-230.

VII. On Culture and Community

W. Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship*, Oxford University Press 1995, ch. 5.

J. Baker, *Arguing for Equality*, London: Verso, 1987, ch. 4 (A sense of Community)

Z. Baumann, "From Equality to Multiculturalism", *Community: Seeking Safety in an Insecure World*, Polity Press, 2001, pp. 89-109.

VIII. From Redistribution to Recognition?

N. Fraser, "From redistribution to recognition? Dilemmas of justice in a 'post-socialist' age", *New Left Review*, 212, July-August 1995, pp. 68-93.

J. Habermas, "Struggles for Recognition", in *The Inclusion of the Other*, MIT Press, 1998, pp. 203-238.

IX. An Egalitarian Critique of Multiculturalism

B. Barry, *Culture and Equality*, Harvard University Press, 2001, Introduction and chapters 7-8.

X. Decline of the Public

E. Liebow, *Tally's Corner*, New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1967, chs. 2 and 6.

L. Wacquant, "Decivilizing and demonizing: The social and symbolic remaking of the black ghetto and Elias in the dark ghetto" in S. Loyal and S. Quilley (eds.), *The Sociology of Norbert Elias*, Cambridge University Press, 2004.

XI. Cultural Diversity, Globalization and the Nation State

P. Van Parijs, "Cultural diversity against economic solidarity?" in P. Van Parijs (ed.), 2004, pp. 371-396.

M. Walzer, "Membership" in S. Avineri and A. de-Shalit (eds.), *Communitarianism and Individualism*, Oxford Univ. Press, 1992, pp. 65-84.

C. Calhoun, *Nations Matter: Culture, History, and the Cosmopolitan Dream*, Routledge, 2007, ch 5.

XII. Freedom in a Complex Society and its Discontents

F. A. Hayek, "Why I Am not a Conservative" in F.A. Hayek, *The Constitution of Liberty*, Chicago: Chicago Univ. Press, 1960.

K. Polanyi, *Great Transformation*, Boston : Beacon Press, 1944, ch. 21.

XIII. Review and Discussion

