

Phil 3703 Political Philosophy

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In this course we will investigate many of the central questions in political philosophy. The main themes for this semester's class—authority, coercion, and autonomy—all revolve around the question of power and its legitimate and illegitimate deployment. We will read a range of classical and contemporary texts in order to consider what, if anything justifies political power, what constitutes a coercive or exploitative relationship, and what conditions are necessary for liberty and self-governance.