



J. S. Mill: On Liberty

Winter Semester 2011/2012

Seminar — P1: Einführung in die Philosophie

Objectives: Introduction to the political and social philosophy of John Stuart Mill (1806 - 1873)

Classes (weekly): Wednesday 16:00 - 18:00 - Raum: FAN-A S 101

Assessment:

- 2 credits: completion of three short chapter reviews (pass/fail)
- 6 credits: completion of three short chapter reviews (pass/fail) and a final paper (3000 words)

Description of the course

This course will give an introduction to Mill's political and social philosophy. We will read Mill's *On Liberty* (1859) in full, as well as a number of excerpts from some others of his works: *The Subjection of Women* (1861), *Considerations on Representative Government* (1861), and *Utilitarianism* (1863). You can find all the texts in the Oxford collection "On Liberty and Other Essays" (see bibliography below). Students are required to purchase only that collection, all the other texts will be provided in class. Teaching and assessment language for this course is English.

You are required to enroll by sending an email including your first and last name, and, if you already have one, your "Matrikelnummer" to my email address: carlo.martini@uni-bayreuth.de. Feel free to email me for questions about the course too.

Schedule of classes

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| | October 19, 2011 |
| 1. Required readings: | J. S. Mill, <i>On Liberty and Other Essays</i> Introduction (by John Gray) pp. vii - xxxv |
| Suggested readings: | Fred Wilson, "J. S. Mill" - <i>The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> |
| | October 26, 2011 |
| 2. Required readings: | J. S. Mill, <i>On Liberty and Other Essays</i> On Liberty (II), pp. 20-50 |
| | November 02, 2011 |
| 3. Required readings: | J. S. Mill, <i>On Liberty and Other Essays</i> On Liberty (II), pp. 50-62 |

4. **Required readings:** **November 09, 2011**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
On Liberty (III), pp. 62-83
5. **Required readings:** **November 16, 2011**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
On Liberty (IV), pp. 83-104
6. **Required readings:** **November 23, 2011**
Alan Ryan, "Mill in a Liberal Landscape"
In: *The Cambridge Companion to Mill*, pp. 497-537
7. **Required readings** **November 30, 2011**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
The Subjection of Women (I), pp. 472-501
8. **Required readings** **December 07, 2011**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
The Subjection of Women (II), pp. 524-556
9. **Required readings** **December 21, 2012**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
Considerations on Representative Government (II), pp. 217-256
10. **Required readings** **January 11, 2012**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
Considerations on Representative Government (VII, X) pp. 302-326, 353-369
11. **Required readings** **January 18, 2012**
J. H. Burns, "J. S. Mill and Democracy 1829-61"
12. **Required readings** **January 25, 2012**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
Utilitarianism (I, II), pp. 131-158
13. **Required readings** **February 01, 2012**
J. S. Mill, *On Liberty and Other Essays*
Utilitarianism (III, IV and V), pp. 160-200
14. **Required readings** **February 08, 2012**
J. H. Burns, "Utilitarianism and Democracy"

Bibliography

★ You are required to purchase item # 3 (ca. 7 EUR¹) ★

1. Burns, J.H. 1957. "J. S. Mill and Democracy 1829-61" *Political Studies* 5(2):158-175.
2. Burns, J.H. 1959. "Utilitarianism and Democracy" *The Philosophical Quarterly* 9(35):168-171.
3. Mill, John Stuart. 2008. *On Liberty and Other Essays*. Edited by John Gray. Oxford: Oxford University Press (Oxford World's Classics).
4. Wilson, Fred (2011) "John Stuart Mill" *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2011 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), forthcoming URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2011/entries/mill/>>.

¹Online stores: www.amazon.de & www.bookdepository.co.uk (free shipping)