This seminar is an historical and conceptual survey of the idea of “world citizenship” and its relation to local and particular affinities and loyalties, such as those to oneself, ones’ friends, family, various groups, and nation. We shall trace these ideas from the Cynics and Stoics through appropriations and critiques in modern political, jurisprudential and commercial thought, and culminate by engaging contemporary works from a variety of perspectives. Throughout, our inquiry will be driven by very contemporary questions about international ethics, about how we might balance special attachments with our concern for all humanity, about the difficulties and possibilities of cross-cultural intelligibility and developing standards of legitimacy and foundations for universal human rights, about the role of local, national, international and transnational institutions and agencies in cultivating more expansive notions of responsibility, the reasons for and against humanitarian intervention, among others.

Each student will be responsible for presenting one or more readings each session. The written assignment will consist of one 15-20 page essay on an issue related to cosmopolitanism. You should submit a one-page proposal by week 6. You are not required to do outside reading. Should your interests carry you further, the recommended readings in the syllabus are intended to guide you. Most are physically on reserve at SSH or available online, as noted. I also own most of them and am happy to lend if unavailable elsewhere. Recommendations are not comprehensive or even representative of the vast perspectives and literatures on the various subjects surveyed in this seminar. They are but a first pass, and you are welcome and encouraged to pursue alternative directions.

For purchase:


Chris Brown, Terry Nardin and Nicholas Rengger, eds. *International Relations in Political Thought*, Cambridge. (Below, IRPT)


Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War*, Columbia.

All required readings not found in the books above are available on electronic reserves. A few I will provide as handouts, as noted.
Schedule

Week I  Introduction

Catherine Lu, “The One and Many Faces of Cosmopolitanism” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 8 (2) 2000


Recommended:
Derek Benjamin Heather, *World Citizenship and Government: Cosmopolitan Ideas in the History of Western Political Thought* (St Martin’s, 1996)
http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/world-government/

HISTORY OF THE IDEA

Week II  Cynic/Stoic roots of cosmopolitan thinking

Selections from:
Diogenes, Hierocles, Plutarch, handout
Cicero, *On Duties* I.42-60 (parts of which are found in IRPT, pp. 83-85; the rest on E.R.)
Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations* IRPT (pp. 86-89)

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Julia Annas, “The Stoics on Other-Concern and Impartiality” in *The Morality of Happiness*  
(Oxford, 1993)
Martha Nussbaum, “The Idea of World Citizenship in Greek and Roman Antiquity” in *Cultivating Humanity: A Classical Defense of Reform in Liberal Education*  
(Harvard, 1997).
Adam Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, VI.ii (pp. 218-37).

Recommended:
Martha C. Nussbaum, *The Therapy of Desire: Theory and Practice in Hellenistic Ethics*  
(Princeton, 1994)

Week III  Early modern cosmopolitanism

Selections from:
Francisco de Vitoria, *On the American Indians*, IRPT (pp. 231-41)
Hugo Grotius, *The Law of War and Peace, De Indis*, IRPT (pp. 325-34)
Samuel Pufendorf, *On the Duties of Man and Citizen* IRPT (pp.341-48)
Christian Wolff, *The Law of Nations Treated According to a Scientific Method*, IRPT (pp. 356-69)
Emmerich de Vattel, *The Law of Nations or Principles of Natural Law*, IRPT (pp.370-78)

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Richard Tuck, “Hugo Grotius” in *The Rights of War and Peace: Political Thought and The International Order from Grotius to Kant* (Oxford, 1999)

**Recommended:**
Edward Keene, *Beyond the anarchical society: Grotius, colonialism and order in world politics* (Cambridge, 2002)
Richard Tuck, *The Rights of War and Peace: Political Thought and the International Order from Grotius to Kant* (Oxford, 1999)

**Week IV**

**Hobbes and Hobbesism.**

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, chs. 6, 11, 13, 14, 15 (only pp. 201-2), 17.

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Charles Beitz, “International Relations as a State of Nature” in *Political Theory and International Relations*, pp. 11-66. (entirety highly recommended, as it relates to Week X)
Richard Tuck, “Thomas Hobbes” in *The Rights of War and Peace: Political Thought and The International Order from Grotius to Kant* (Oxford, 1999)
Kenneth Waltz, *Man, the State and War*, entire.

**Recommended:**
Jonathan Haslam, “Reasons of State” in *No Virtue Like Necessity: Realist Thought in International Relations since Machiavelli* (Yale, 2002)
[http://www.polity.co.uk/global/realism.htm](http://www.polity.co.uk/global/realism.htm)

**Week V**

**Enlightenment and cosmopolitanism I**

David Hume, *Of Commerce, Of Refinement in the Arts, Of the Balance of Trade; Of the Jealousy of Trade; Of the Balance of Power*
Adam Smith, selections from *Wealth of Nations* (IRPT, pp. 410-15); and *Theory of Moral Sentiments* VI.ii (pp. 218-37)
Albert O. Hirschmann, *The Passions and the Interests*, entire

Recommended:
Istvan Hont, *Jealousy of Trade* (Harvard 2006)

**Week VI**  
**Enlightenment and cosmopolitanism II**

Selections from:
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *State of War and Perpetual Peace*, IRPT (pp. 416-27)


Recommended:
James Bohman and Matthias Lutz-Bachman, eds., *Perpetual Peace: Essays on Kant’s Cosmopolitan Ideal* (MIT, 1997).
Allen Wood, “Kant’s Project for Perpetual Peace” in *Cosmopolitics: Thinking and Feeling Beyond the Nation*, eds. Pheng Cheah and Bruce Robbins (Minnesota, 1998)

**CONTEMPORARY ISSUES**

**Week VIII**  
**Political and ethical theory: The contours of contemporary debate**

Martha Nussbaum, ed. *For Love of Country*
Week IX

**Cosmopolitan perspective:** a view from nowhere?

Michel de Montaigne, “Of Cannibals”

Adam Smith, *Theory of Moral Sentiments* I.i.1.1 (pp. 9-26) --- II.ii (pp. 78-91) --- III.3.1-11 (pp. 134-41) --- V.ii (pp. 200-11)


Recommended:


Week X  Universal human rights

Declaration of the Rights of Man
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN Convention Against Torture

Recommended:
Jack Donnelly, Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice (Cornell 2002)

Week XI  Justice beyond borders


Recommended:
Catherine Lu, Just and Unjust Interventions in World Politics: Public and Private (Palgrave 2006).

The following are useful collections of recent work on cosmopolitan themes. Many contain recommended readings above. All are on reserve at SSH.


James Bohman and Matthias Lutz-Bachman, eds., *Perpetual Peace: Essays on Kant’s Cosmopolitan Ideal* (MIT, 1997).

Gillian Brock and Harry Bridghouse, *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism* (Cambridge 2006)


Pheng Cheah and Bruce Robbins, eds., *Cosmopolitics: Thinking and Feeling Beyond the Nation* (Minnesota, 1998)

Jonathan Haslam, *No Virtue Like Necessity: Realist Thought in International Relations since Machiavelli* (Yale, 2002)


