Provisional outline of sessions and readings, as of July 2013
All readings will be made available on Blackboard.

Part I. Political realities

1. Political agents
What is an agent? What is a person? Are there group agents?
Readings:
List and Pettit Group Agency, Ch 1
Hobbes Leviathan Ch 16
Pettit ‘Groups with Minds of their Own’

2. Political rules
What are conventions? What are norms? What are laws?
Readings:
Lewis, Convention Ch 1, from s 4 on
Pettit ‘Value-mistaken and Virtue-mistaken Norms’
Hart The Concept of Law Ch 5
Shapiro, Legality Excerpt

3. The state and the people
What is the state? Is the state an agent? How does it relate to the people?
Readings:
Skinner ‘A Genealogy of the Modern State’
Runciman ‘Is the State a Corporation?’
Pettit On the People’s Terms, Ch 5.
Walzer ‘The Moral Standing of States’

4. Civil and commercial society
What is civil society? What is property? What is the market?
Readings:
Taylor ‘Modes of Civil Society’
Brennan and Pettit The Economy of Esteem Introduction
Waldron ‘Property and Ownership’
Pettit ‘Taking Back the Economy’

Part II. Political values

5. Welfare
What is well-being? What are preference and choice? Are individuals primary?
Readings:
Crisp ‘Well-being’
Kagan ‘The Limits of Well-being’
Pettit ‘Preference, Deliberation and Satisfaction’

6. Equality
Readings:
Dworkin Taking Rights Seriously Excerpt
7. Freedom
What is freedom of choice? What is freedom of the person? What is a free society?
Readings:
Constant 'The Liberty of the Ancients Compared to the Liberty of the Moderns'
Berlin 'Two Concepts of Liberty'
Pettit 'The Instability of Freedom as Non-interference'

8. Rights
What are rights? What are human rights? Can rights fit with consequentialism?
Readings:
Wenar 'Rights'
Feinberg 'The Nature and Value of Rights'
Rawls 'Two Concepts of Rules'

Part III. Political policies
9. Social Justice
What is a theory justice? How encompassing should it be? How ‘ideal’ should it be?
Readings
Rawls 'Justice as Fairness'
Sen 'Equality of What?'
Cohen 'On the Currency of Egalitarian Justice'
Hamlin and Templowska 'Theory, Ideal theory, and the Theory of Ideals'

10. Political Justice
What is legitimacy? What is democracy? Can democracy legitimize?
Readings
Simmons 'Justification and Legitimacy'
Schumpeter Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy Excerpt: cc 21-22
Pettit On the People's Terms Ch 3.

11. Global justice
What is cosmopolitan justice? What do states owe outsiders?
Readings
Rawls 'A Law of Peoples'
Beitz 'Rawls's Law of Peoples'
Walzer 'The Moral Standing of States'
Nagel 'The Problem of Global Justice'

12. Justice and democracy
What is the role of philosophy in politics?
Readings
Walzer 'Philosophy and Democracy'
Waldron 'Political Political Theory'