



Prioritarianism and Distributive Justice January 22 – January 23, 2010

All sessions except Session 3 to take place in Tanenbaum Hall, Room 253,
The “Rare Book Room” in Biddle Law Library
Penn Law, 3400 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Friday, January 22

- 11:00 – 12:30 pm Session 1: What is Prioritarianism?
Moderator: Matthew Adler
Derek Parfit, “Equality or Priority”
Matthew Adler, “The Case for a Prioritarian SWF” (pp. 1-18, 27-65)
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm Session 2: Prioritarianism Versus Egalitarianism
Moderator: KC Tan
Larry Temkin, excerpt from “Equality, Priority, or What” (section on
“Equality or Priority”)
Larry Temkin, “Equality, Priority and the Levelling Down Objection”
Nils Holtug, “Prioritarianism”
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Break
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Session 3: Threshold Welfarism and Sufficiency
Moderator: Leo Katz
Harry Frankfurt, “Equality as a Moral Ideal”
Roger Crisp, “Equality, Priority and Compassion”
Richard Arneson, excerpt from “Perfectionism and Politics” (section on
“Egalitarian Satisficing versus Priority”); and “Egalitarianism and
Responsibility”
- Session held at the home of Claire Finkelstein and Leo Katz,
9000 Crefeld St., Philadelphia, PA 19118***
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm Cocktails
- 7:30 pm Dinner

Saturday, January 23

9:00 – 9:30 am Breakfast

9:30 – 11:00 am Session 4: Leximin and Aggregation

Moderator: Samuel Freeman

John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice*, pp. 130-60

Bertil Tungodden, excerpt from “The Value of Equality” (section on “Non-aggregative Reasoning”)

Bertil Tungodden, “Egalitarianism: Is Leximin the Only Option?”

Marc Fleurbaey, Bertil Tungodden, Peter Vallentyne, “On the Possibility of Nonaggregative Priority for the Worst Off”

11:00 – 11:30 am Break

11:30 – 1:00 Session 5: Prioritism Versus Contractarianism

Moderator: Claire Finkelstein

John C. Harsanyi, “Morality and the Theory of Rational Behaviour”

David Gauthier, “Political Contractarianism”

Claire Finkelstein, “Punishment as Contract”

Tim Scanlon, “*What We Owe to Each Other*,” pp. 223 – 241

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 pm Session 6: Challenges for Prioritarians: Time and Uncertainty

Moderator: Stephen Perry

Dennis McKerlie, “Egalitarianism and the Difference between Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Judgments”

Wlodek Rabinowicz, “Prioritarianism for Prospects”

Marc Fleurbaey, “Assessing Risky Social Situations”