

PHILOSOPHY 320

Social & Political Philosophy

Fall 2019

1st Mid-Term Assignment

Due Monday, September 30

All papers must be properly word processed or typed with 1" margins on the top, sides and bottom. Use double-spacing and no larger than 12pt font. Turn in by uploading to Laulima as either a Word file or pdf file.

Answer 3 of the following questions. Each answer should be 1-2 pages in length.

- 1) Explain Plato's critique of democracy. Why does Socrates think that there will be no deliverance from unrest and war for cities and for the human race until philosophers become kings or kings become philosophers?
- 2) For Aristotle what is the nature of the end for which a city-state exists? How does Aristotle distinguish between three different right forms of constitutions and three perversions of these forms? What advice does Aristotle give about making democracy work?
- 3) How does Hobbes describe the "state of nature" and what recommendations does he give for a social contract that would bring about an end to this state of nature? What is the primary purpose of government according to Hobbes?
- 4) How does Locke describe the "state of nature" and what is his recommendation regarding the social contract? What is the primary purpose of government according to Locke?
- 5) What did Rousseau mean in the famous opening line of *The Social Contract*: "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains"? Explain how this line sums up the whole project of *The Social Contract*. What is Rousseau's solution to this problem in his version of the social contract?