

PHIL 4100 Fall 2017

Exploitation and Commodification: The Just Market

Thursdays 2:30-5:30 Paterson 3A35

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Course Description:

Anti-commodification theorists call out wholesale practices in which a good's social meaning or inherent value is degraded by its assignment of a price tag. In this course we will explore the arguments supplied by various contemporary moral and political philosophers as to why, and how, we should understand certain kinds of financial transactions as harmfully commodifying in an otherwise uncontested market economy. We will concentrate on how these arguments apply to financial transactions involving the sale of bodily goods and services specifically. Examples we will focus on will include health care, prostitution, surrogacy, and kidney sales.

Course Assignments:

3 Reading Responses: 40%. Two of these will be worth 15% each and the one on which you receive the lowest grade will be worth only 10% of your final grade. These should be 3-4 pages double-spaced. You must submit them in hard copy at the beginning of class. You may submit them on days of your choice but **you must submit at least one per month**. You may focus on one claim or the general argument from one of the week's readings, or on themes that connect the week's readings. These responses must be both expository and evaluative in nature, that is, you should identify a (potential) flaw in the author's argument, explain as much of the argument as is necessary to allow you to expose and motivate the relevance of the flaw, and consider how the author (or perhaps another author) might or should respond.

Participation: 10%. Students are expected to come to class, and to come prepared to discuss the readings. This is a seminar, not a lecture course.

Take Home Exam: 50%. This is effectively your term paper. A topic will be chosen by the student, and approved by the instructor. Individual meetings will be held to discuss topics, and an outline for the paper. Length: 15 pages. Due on the last day of the December exam period.

Course Readings:

The articles for this course are posted as PDFs on CuLearn. One book, Debra Satz' *Why Some Things Should not be for Sale* is available from library reserves as well as from amazon.com and other online booksellers.

Course Schedule:

September 7 Introduction to the course

Suggested Background Reading

Karl Marx, *Capital*, Volume 1 Part 1 Chapter 1, Section I and IV

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1867-c1/ch01.htm#S1>

Aristotle, *Politics*, Book I, Chapters 8-10

<http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/politics.1.one.html>

Nicomachean Ethics, Book V, Chapters 3-5

<http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.5.v.html>

September 14

John Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*, Chapter 5

<http://www.constitution.org/jl/2ndtr05.htm>

Michael Sandel, "What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of the Market," Tanner Lectures on Human Values 1998

September 21

Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice*, (Basic Books: 1998) pp. 3-26, 64-67, 75-110

Ronald Dworkin, "To Each His Own," *NYT Review of Books* April 14, 2003

September 28

Elizabeth Anderson, "Ethical Limitations of the Market," *Economics and Philosophy* 6(2) 1990: 179-205

Elizabeth Anderson, "Is Women's Labor a Commodity?" *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 19(1) 1990: 71-92

October 5

Margaret Jane Radin, "Market Inalienability," *Harvard Law Review* 100(8) 1987: 1849-1937

October 12

Anne Phillips, "It's my Body and I'll do What I Like with It: Bodies as Objects and Property," *Political Theory* 39(6) 2011: 724-748

Kimberly Krawiec, "A Woman's Worth," *North Carolina Law Review* 88 (2010) 1739-1769

October 19

Janet Radcliffe Richards, "Nepharious Goings On: Kidney Sales and Moral Arguments," *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 21(4) 1996: 375-426

Alvin Roth, "Repugnance as a Constraint on Markets," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 21(3) 2007: 37-58

October 26 - Reading Break

November 2

Vida Panitch and L. Chad Horne, "Commodification, Inequality, and Kidney Markets,"
draft

Hallie Liberto, "Noxious Markets versus Noxious Gift Relationships," *Social Theory and Practice* 39(2) 2013: 265-287

November 9

Debra Satz, *Why Some Things Should not be for Sale* (Oxford, 2010) ch 1, 3-4

November 16

Debra Satz, *Why Some Things Should not be for Sale* (Oxford, 2010) ch 5-6, 9

November 23

Jason Brennan and Peter Jaworski, "Markets Without Symbolic Limits" *Ethics* 125(4)
2015: 1053-1077

Jason Brennan and Peter Jaworski, *Markets Without Limits: Moral Virtues and Commercial Interests* (Routledge 2016) Part 1

November 30

John Rawls, *Political Liberalism* (Columbia, 1996) pp 3-34, 48-58

Vida Panitch, "Liberalism, Commodification and Justice" *draft*

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Fall/Winter 2017-18)

Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Final Exams:

If you miss a final examination (formally scheduled or take-home) because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral. You must apply within 3 working days after the scheduled date of your formally scheduled exam or within 3 working days after the due date of a take-home exam. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information:

<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv2/#2.5>

Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Religious obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC

website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Important Dates:

Sept. 6	Classes start.
Sept. 19	Last day for registration and course changes for Fall term and Fall/Winter (two-term) courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 9	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Oct. 23-27	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for summative or final examinations in Fall term courses before the official examination period.
Dec. 8	Last day of Fall term classes. Classes follow a Monday schedule. Last day for academic withdrawal from Fall term courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for a Fall term course.
Dec. 10-22	Final examinations for Fall term courses and mid-term examinations in two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 22	All take-home examinations are due.
Jan. 8	Classes begin.
Jan. 19	Last day for registration and course changes in the Winter term.
Jan. 31	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from Winter term courses or from the Winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 19	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Feb. 19-23	Winter Break – no classes.
Mar. 27	Last day for summative or final examinations in Winter term or two-term courses before the official examination period.
Mar. 30	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Apr. 11	Last day of two-term and Winter term classes. Classes follow a Friday schedule. Last day for academic withdrawal from Fall/Winter and Winter courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for two-term and for Winter term courses.
Apr. 14-26	Final examinations for Winter term and two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 26	All take home examinations are due on this day.

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