### Reading Suggestions for sessions on 15th March 2024

**Christian and social scientific understandings of human beings in society**

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J. ELSTER (1985), ‘The nature and scope of rational choice explanations’ in E. LePORE, B. MCLAUGLIN eds. Actions and Events, Oxford, Basil Blackwell.

S.T.EMLEN (1995), ‘An evolutionary theory of the family’, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 92(18), 8092-9

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D. GREEN, I. SHAPIRO (1994), Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory, Yale University Press

R. GIBBONS (1997), ‘An introduction to applicable game theory’, Journal of Economic Perspectives, 11, no 1, 127-149

I. HACKING (1999), The Social Construction of What?, Harvard UP

R. LAYARD (2006), Happiness: lessons from a new science, Penguin, London, 2006

S. PINKER (2002), The Blank Slate: the modern denial of human nature, Allen Lane, London

A. K. SEN (1976-7), ‘Rational fools: a critique of the behavioural foundations of economic theory’, Philosophy and Public Affairs, 6, 317-344

C. SMITH (2003), Moral, Believing Animals, OUP

C. SMITH (2010), What is a person?, University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London, Chapter1

R. TRIGG (1999), Ideas of Human Nature: an historical introduction, Blackwells, Oxford

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E. O. WILSON (1999), Consilience, Abacus Books, London

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**Christian theological traditions and political life**

R. BAUCKHAM, *The Bible in Politics* (2nd ed., SPCK, 2010)

R. BENNE, "Christians and Government" in G. Meilaender and W. Werpehowski, eds, *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics* (OUP, 2005).

N. BIGGAR, *Behaving in Public: How to Do Christian Ethics* (Eerdmans, 2011).

N. BIGGAR & L. HOGAN (eds), *Religious Voices in Public Places* (OUP, 2009)

L. BRETHERTON, *Christianity and Contemporary Politics: The Conditions and Possibilities of Faithful Witness* (Wiley Blackwell, 2009)

L. BRETHERTON, *Resurrecting Democracy: Faith, Citizenship, and the Politics of a Common Life* (CUP, 2015).

J. BURNSIDE, *God, Justice and Society,* OUP, Oxford, 2011

J. CHAPLIN, "Government", in *The New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology*, ed. D.J. Atkinson and David Field, London: IVP, 1995.

J. CHAPLIN, *Talking God: The Legitimacy of Religious Public Reasoning* (Theos, 2008, accessible free at <http://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/>)

D. FERGUSSON, *Church, State and Civil Society* (CUP, 2005)

G. FORSTER, The Contested Public Square: The Crisis of Christianity and Politics (IVP, 2008).

D. KOYZIS, *Political Visions & Illusions: A Survey and Christian Critique of Contemporary Ideologies* (IVP, 2003)

R. A. MARKUS (1965), ‘Two conceptions of political authority: Augustine *De civitate Dei, XIX, 14-15,* and some thirteenth Century interpretations’, *Journal of Theological Studies*, Volume XVI, Issue 1, April 1965, Pages 68–100

 C. MATHEWES, *A Theology of Public Life* (CUP, 2008)

A. MCGRATH (ed), *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Thought* (Blackwell, 1995), articles on ‘Kingdom of God: Political and Social Theology’ (R. Preston), ‘Social Questions’ (D. Forrester), and ‘War and Peace’ (O’Donovan)

O.M.T. O’DONOVAN, *The Desire of the Nations* (CUP, 1996)

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J. RAWLS, ‘Idea of Public Reason Revisited’, originally published in *The University of Chicago Law* *Review* 64(3) (1997): republished in the expanded edition of his *Political Liberalism* (2005), and in *The Law of Peoples* (1999).

N. SPENCER & J. CHAPLIN (eds), *God & Government* (SPCK, 2009)

J. WITTE JR. & F.S. ALEXANDER (eds), *The Teachings of Modern Roman Catholicism on Law, Politics, and Human Nature* (Columbia University Press, 2007)

J. WITTE JR. & F.S. ALEXANDER (eds), *The Teachings of Modern Protestantism on Law, Politics, and Human Nature* (Columbia University Press, 2007)

N. WOLTERSTORFF, *The Mighty and the Almighty: An Essay in Political Theology* (CUP, 2012)

**Social ethics: theological and secular approaches, and the basis for social and economic policy**

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J. ATHERTON (1994), Social Christianity: a reader, SPCK, London

BENEDICT XVI (2009), Caritas in Veritate: on integral human development in charity and truth (Papal Encyclical)

A. BIELER (French original 1961, English translation 2005), Calvin’s Economic and Social Thought, WCC, Geneva, Switzerland, Chapter IV sections 1-3, and Chapter V

T. BURCHARDT (2007), ‘Welfare: what for?’, chapter 3 in J. HILLS, J. LE GRAND, D. PIACHAUD, Making Social Policy Work, Policy Press, University of Bristol.

C. E. CURRAN (2002), Catholic Social Teaching: 1891 to the present, Georgetown University Press

J. FINNIS (1981) Natural Law and Natural Rights

A. HARTROPP (2007), What is Economic Justice? Biblical and secular perspectives contrasted, Paternoster Theological Monographs, Milton Keynes and Colorado Springs.

D. A. HAY (1989), Economics Today: a Christian critique, Apollos, IVP, Leicester (especially chapter 3, section 2; and chapter 4, section 4)

D. HOLLENBACH (2002), The Common Good and Christian Ethics Cambridge.

PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE (2005), Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC

PAUL VI AND THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL (1965), Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Catholic Truth Society, London

A.K.SEN (2009), The idea of justice, Allen Lane, London

A.K.SEN, B. WILLIAMS (1982) Utilitarianism and beyond, CUP, Cambridge

C. SMITH (2010), What is a person?, University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London, Chapters 7, 8

WILLIAM TEMPLE (1942), Christianity and Social Order, Penguin (reissued in 1976 by SPCK and other publishers)

C.J.H. WRIGHT (2004) Old Testament Ethics for the People of God, IVP, Leicester (especially Part One)

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