

Political Science Extension Course
Comparative Politics SFS 20207

Fall 2013

Essay

You can choose to be born again as a woman in China, Japan, Tunisia, Egypt, South Africa, South Korea, Russia or India: Where would you prefer to be born and live?

Make a comparative analysis of female citizenship with reference to the impact of social, economic, political or legal aspects on the inclusion and/or exclusion of women in the democratization of the polity. You can focus on only one or two of these aspects.

Choose one of these two options to make your comparative analysis:

- Compare between two of the states listed above.
- Compare between one of the states listed above and a Western liberal democracy.

Deadline: Friday 22th November at 15.00.

Formal requirements:

The essay must be posted in Fronter.

The essay can be written in Norwegian or English.

Length: 4-6 pages (excluding front page, contents, list of literature etc.)

Margins: 2,5 cm (standard)

Line spacing: 1,5

Make sure that you write your name on the first page, and that paginate (i.e. put a page number on each page) the essay.

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Eksamensoppgave I SFS20207 Politisk teori

“One flaw, or one virtue, in Hobbes’s political theory.”

Each student shall pick one well defined aspect of Hobbes’s political theory as the theme for their paper. In order to criticise or defend Hobbes’s ideas about the chosen theme, it is required that another article/book (from the syllabus, or something else) that discusses the same theme is used actively in the paper.

Some examples: Use Mill to criticise Hobbes’s lack of focus on freedom. Use Spinoza to criticise Hobbes’s lack of emphasis on free thought/speech. Use Toqueville to criticise Hobbes’s lack of love for democracy. Use Mises to criticise Hobbes’s lack of focus on liberal principles. OR (and this is equally valid): Explain Taylors thoughts, and defend Hobbes’s theory from these kinds of attacks. Explain Goodin or Rawls thoughts about justice and morality and defend Hobbes from these kinds of objections to his theory.

Deadline: 22.11, 15.00.

Formal requirements:

Length: 4-6 paper (excluding front page, contents, literature list etc.)

Margins: 2.5 cm (standard)

Line spacing: 1,5

Make sure that the page number and your name appears on all pages of the main part of the paper.