

Class Updates for Moral Foundations of Capitalism (Spring 2020, Updated April 9)

Lecture Notes: I have more or less finished revising the online lecture note for the rest of the semester. Chapters 9, 10, and 11 are in good shape now. I have changed them a bit as we have gone through them online, but the ones posted after our double Spring break are good enough for those who prefer to read on their own rather than attend the online classes.

Second Exam. I have also revised and posted the study guide for the **second exam**. Those exams will be emailed to you at the start of class on April 23. They will be a word document and several different versions of the exam will be distributed. **You'll work the exam and email them to me within an hour and a half of the time at which they are sent (which will be a bit before 4:00 on the exam day).** You can simply type in your answers in the spaces and matrices provided. This may take a little longer than writing them in long hand, so I've added 15 minutes to the time allotted. **The exam will be "open book" but that does not mean that you do not have to study beforehand to do well.**

Final Paper. The final exam in this class is a term paper that is described in the "paper topics" handout/link on the class web site. It is due via email at midnight on the scheduled final exam date. That date has been changed by the university to May 2, which is earlier than originally scheduled. (This new date was received today, April 9 from the dean of the business school.) The earlier date means that it would be a good idea to download the paper topic list today and start thinking about a paper that you would be interested in writing. They can be all prose analyses of the scholars that we've been reviewing in Part III or more "economic" analyses of the role of ethics in economics and politics that we reviewed in Parts I and II. They should all be submitted to me via email as either Word (preferred) or PDF files via email with a header like ECON 411 Final Paper. The title of the file should be something like ECON_411_last-name_title.

Online Lectures and Repository on Google Drive. The online lectures are conducted in **Zoom**. This has been working fine. The lectures are then uploaded to our shared **Google Drive Directory**.

The **most recent Zoom invitation** sent via WVU email was sent on Tuesday April 7 in the early afternoon. That should work for the rest of the semester.

I've also sent all of you an invitation to link to a class folder on my google drive on March 28 around 10:55. It is up to you to make sure that you can download the files. **Please do this well before the exam time.**

Downloading the lectures takes quite a while on my system, so I suggest downloading them at night unless you have a very good internet service. I have also placed copies of class materials there in case we have trouble with the website in the period around exam time as we did for the first midterm.

Copies of class materials have also been uploaded to the Google Drive shared folder and to WVU's Collaborate Ultra which you can reach through E-campus, but with much difficulty. (It is because of the convoluted menu structure of E-campus and Collaborate Ultra, together with numerous warnings from WVU officials that the WVU system may not be able to handle the load, that I shifted the online (live and recorded) portions of the class to **Zoom**.) However, the best source of notes and supplementary handouts is the class website:

http://rdc1.net/class/Moral%20Foundations/Moral_Foundations_index.html

The handout folder on Google Drive is just a backup in case problems develop with the class website, which will continue to be the main web resource for the class. The recording's folder will allow you to download recordings of future lectures.

Let me know if you have any trouble with the Google Drive invitation (**which came via gmail rather than WVU mail system**). You should already have it, since I sent it Saturday morning, March 28 a bit after 10:45.

Problems with Internet Connections. Several people have expressed concerns about internet connections. That is partly the reason for the Google Drive repository of recorded lectures and backups for lecture notes. That is also why I decided to email the exams to you using your WVU email addresses.

Zoom also works fine on cell phones if you have a data plan or internet connection. You can also just “dial” in via a phone number on the invitation if you just want audio. It is, of course, easier to read shared images and see people on a laptop or monitor, so such computers would be better than a cell phone for watching the lectures, although cell phones do work and a few of the regular attendees have used them.

I hope all is going reasonably well for all of you.

Best regards,

Prof. Congleton