

24.635: Topics in Critical Social Theory

Reflections on Course as a whole

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Hi all:

I think it would be interesting to have you reflect on the course as a whole before our final meeting tomorrow. Here are some questions I would love you to think about. As always, anything you write here can be anonymous.

- What is something you learned from the course (readings, discussions, etc.) that you will take away with you? Is it relevant to your other work in philosophy? Is it relevant to other parts of your life (organizing, etc).
- What are some of the texts that you most enjoyed and/or learned from?
- Do you have a favorite quote from the readings?
- What are some questions that linger for you? Do you think you will continue working on these questions?
- Are there aspects of the course, e.g., the readings, topics, discussion, assignments, that you found problematic? (You can also answer this on the confidential student evaluation sent by MIT.)

Sorry I sent this rather late...it is totally optional!

Daniel

Really appreciate Sally and everyone else involved in the class! It was a great educational experience for someone who usually spends too much time thinking about computers.

- Really enjoyed the classes on structural explanation and structural injustice; this has helped me conceptualize a lot of the macro level dynamics where many other topics fit into
- My term paper is on complicity and structural injustice using the Rawlsian reading of practice vs summary rules. Hope to continue working on this after the final paper is due. I hope to think more about Estlund's paper and how his discussion fits into the question of complicity
- Don't have a specific quote, but Balkin's analogy of cultural software is pretty interesting to me, will probably go back and reread the extra readings from that module
- Also looking for recommendations for similar classes/activities!