

ATP 102: Law and Order in a Stateless Society

INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the course is to help you understand and advocate a polycentric and consensual legal order. By the conclusion of the course, you should be able to confidently and competently advocate a polycentric and consensual legal order as well as have a basic sense of how to go about participating in one.

TEXT/MATERIAL

A variety of texts and other materials will be used in the course, some chosen by the instructor and some self-chosen. Refer to the schedule below.

EVALUATION

Evaluation will be based on participation in weekly online class discussions and completion of assignments.

GRADING

You will receive a grade of Honors, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory in the course.

SCHEDULE

*Week 1 -- Before class you will have read Spooner's "No Treason: The Constitution of No Authority" (<http://praxeology.net/LS-NT-6.htm>) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 2 -- Before class you will have read the first essay in Murphy's "Chaos Theory: Two Essays on Market Anarchy" (<http://mises.org/books/chaostheory.pdf>) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of Spooner, 500 to 1000 words.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 3 -- Before class you will have read Chapter 12 "The Public Sector, III: Police, Law, and the Courts" of Rothbard's "For a New Liberty" (<http://mises.org/rothbard/newlibertywhole.asp#p215>) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of Murphy, 500 to 1000 words.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 4 -- Before class you will have watched the video for Roderick Long's lecture "An Anarchist Legal Order" (<https://mises.org/media/1766?silverlight=0>) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of Rothbard, 500 to 1000 words.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 5 -- Before class you will have read Stringham's "Market Chosen Law" (http://mises.org/journals/jls/14_1/14_1_3.pdf) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of Long, 500 to 1000 words.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 6 -- Before class you will have read the working draft of the proposed C4SS Model General Submission to Arbitration (<http://c4ss.org/content/1680>) and prepared at least two discussion questions on it.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of Stringham, 500 to 1000 words.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of any article from Socrata's index of Analytical Anarchism Literature (<http://www.socrata.com/Education/Analytical-Anarchism-Literature/bggg-qpgz>), 500 to 1000 words.

*Week 7 -- Open discussion.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Analysis/critique of the working draft Model General Submission to Arbitration, 500 to 1000 words. Your analysis should include an alternative draft of the document.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Dispute Analysis – Pick any current or historical dispute. It may be a civil or criminal court case or simply a widely discussed public controversy. The premise of your analysis will be that at the time of the dispute, an open market for dispute resolution services suddenly emerged. You may present your analysis in one of three forms: 1) as the finding of an arbitrator hired by both the disputing parties 2) the argument by a professional advocate for one of the disputing parties presented to the arbitrator or 3) a friendly opinion publicly offered by a third-party legal scholar to the arbitrator. Your analysis should not be less than 1,500 words in length.

*Week 8 -- Open discussion.

ASSIGNMENT DUE: Dispute Analyses – Pick any current or historical dispute. It may be a civil or criminal court case or simply a widely discussed public controversy. The premise of your analysis will be that at the time of the dispute, an open market for dispute resolution services suddenly emerged. You may present your analysis in one of three forms: 1) as the finding of an arbitrator hired by both the disputing parties 2) the argument by a professional advocate for one of the disputing parties presented to the arbitrator or 3) a friendly opinion publicly offered by a third-party legal scholar to the arbitrator. Your analysis should not be less than 1,500 words in length.