Lecture 11  Reading Questions

“The Entitlement Theory”

Readings:

Selections from “Anarchy, State, and Utopia” by Robert Nozick.

(1) What three topics exhaust the subject of “justice in holdings”? What principles belong to these topics?

(2) When are a person’s holdings just, according to Nozick?

(3) “[A]ny adequate theory of justice in acquisition will contain a proviso.” What is the content of the proviso according to Nozick, and how does he imagine it may be satisfied?

(4) What kind of government activities does Nozick’s theory require? How would a government enforce “justice in holdings”?

(5) What implications does Nozick’s theory have on the current distribution of property and wealth? Does it require any redistribution of property? From whom? To whom? On what grounds?

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