

CURSOS DA ARRÁBIDA  
I COURSE IN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
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"LIBERALISM OR COMMUNITARIANISM?"

Introduction

During the last decade, Political Theory has increasingly been dominated by the powerful intellectual challenge against liberalism in various ways, by a group of authors usually named "communitarians". Departing from a critique to the philosophical and metaphysical foundations of liberal individualism, the communitarian critique ended up by extending itself to all crucial aspects of liberalism, especially the relationship between the individual and the communities, as well as the role of the State in contemporary societies, the concept of social justice, etc.

During this week we will try to make a critical introduction to this crucial debate in contemporary political thought - and with two leading figures in this controversy: Professors John Gray, from Oxford and Steven Lukes from the European University Institute of Florence.

Student Profile

Attendants to this course are likely to be senior undergraduates and graduate students of Political Science, especially Political Theory, and Political Philosophy, but it is likely that those studying Political Economy and Sociology might be interested too.

October 18

5 p.m.

**“Introduction to the Debate between  
Liberals and Communitarians”**

João Carlos Espada, Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon

October 19

10 a.m.

**“A Communitarian Point of View”**

Francisco Sarsfield Cabral, Director, The Portuguese European Commission  
Cabinet

5 p.m.

**“Introduction to John Rawls’ Theory of Justice”**

Manuel Villaverde Cabral, Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon

October 20

10 a.m.

**“F.A.Hayek’s and R.Nozick’s Liberalisms”**

João Carlos Espada, Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon

5 p.m.

**“Michael Walzer and The Spheres of Justice”**

Guilherme d’Oliveira Martins, Member of Parliament, Lisbon

October 21

10 a.m.

**“Can There Be a Communitarian Liberal ?”**

John Gray, Jesus College, Oxford

4 p.m.

**“Making Sense of Moral Conflict”**

Steven Lukes, European University Institute of Florence

5 p.m.

**Debate**

Chairman: Diogo Freitas do Amaral, University of Lisbon