

Lecture 22 Reading Questions

“Justice & Reciprocity”

Reading:

“Social Rights and the Social Contract” by Stuart White.

(1) What is “welfare contractualism” and what are the alternatives to it?

(2) White thinks that welfare contractualism can be defended as a requirement of distributive justice. Explain.

(3) “[W]hat the community can legitimately demand of its citizens by way of reciprocity arguably depends on the extent to which ... other conditions of justice are satisfied.”

What are these other conditions, according to White? Do you agree that what the community can demand of its citizens depends on the extent to which they are satisfied?

(4) Is there a persuasive paternalistic justification for welfare contractualism?

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