

Philosophy Breakfast. **Rights.**

We demand rigidly defined
areas of doubt and uncertainty!

An online course (using Zoom) with Nicholas Joll

Part I Legal rights

1	Philosophy and rights	Saturday May 8 th 2021	11:00–12:30
2	Hohfeld's logic of rights, #1	Saturday May 15 th 2021	11:00–12:30
3	Hohfeld's logic of rights, #2 ('Be kinder to them, Hohfeld')	Saturday May 22 nd 2021	11:00–12:30
4	Rights as interests	Saturday May 29 th 2021	11:00–12:30
5	Rights as choices	Saturday June 5 th 2021	11:00–12:30

Part II Moral rights

6	Natural law and natural rights	<i>Saturday June 19th 2021</i>	11:00–12:30
7	Rights as side-constraints and as contractual	Saturday June 26 th 2021	11:00–12:30
8	Human rights	Saturday July 3 rd 2021	11:00–12:30
9	Rights scepticism, #1	Saturday July 10 th 2021	11:00–12:30
10	Rights scepticism, #2	Saturday July 17 th 2021	11:00–12:30

Details



The issues. What is a legal right? Do they have some interesting relationship to legal duties? Are liberties the same as rights? What is a right – as such – anyway? What is a moral right? Is it a natural right? Is it a human right? Are there any such things? If there are, how far do they resemble legal rights and how do they fit with other moral notions?

Book. The best book for the course is *Rights* by Peter Jones (ISBN, for the paperback: 0333361369). First-hand the book's price is eye-watering. I got mine second-hand. But the book is merely a 'nice to have' for the course. I don't know another (good) book that suits the course.

Handouts. I will provide handouts in advance of each session. It will help to have looked at the relevant handout(s) before the start of each session. For each session – but perhaps only after the session – I will provide a list of optional reading (and, sometimes, listening and/or watching).

Virtuality. All sessions will be conducted via *Zoom*. So, you will need: a computer (or at least a tablet); a webcam and microphone (laptops and tablets tend to have those things built in, as do some desktop PCs, and external webcams tend to include microphones); a half-decent Internet connection; and an environment that is relatively quiet. (Computer operating system does not matter. Nor do you need a powerful or an especially modern device. Nor need you pay money to Zoom. I do recommend that you use a wired Internet connection or at the least be near your router.) Also, for security, you must set your Zoom name to something that tells me who you are. I recommend using your actual name or your first name and the first letter of your surname. *Failure on that front will delay our sessions*. Thank you for your understanding. (I will not compromise on security.) The virtual nature of the proceedings does mean, of course, that there will be no breakfast; but the first ten minutes or so of each session will give you some time to eat your own!

Cost & booking. The cost is £45 per person for each half of the course or £80 for the full ten-week course. Note that the first half of the course is good preparation for the second half. Registration and payment will be via me, Nicholas Joll – and *not* the bookshop (although the bookshop is helping me to promote the course). *To register, please [contact me](#). Payment will be arranged after each half of the course.*