

2025 Women's History Month

Martha Nussbaum and the Capabilities Approach to Human Rights

Tuesday, March 11 | 7 - 8:15 p.m.

Zoom:



What is a 'Human Right'? And where does such a right come from? These are immensely difficult philosophical questions, but how these questions are answered can result in vast practical consequences for millions of people around the world. Do humans have a right to food, water, and shelter? And if so, who is responsible for fulfilling that right? This is one area where the abstract philosophical rubber hits the real world road. In this talk, we will discuss University of Chicago philosopher, Martha Nussbaum, and her capabilities approach to human rights, which has been adopted by numerous international aid and rights organizations.

