SYLLABUS FOR TAX POLICY (L11.3520.003) - Professor Shaviro

The readings for this semester will be posted on Blackboard. They have been chosen with an eye to offering provocative and often controversial takes on their subjects, rather than to conveying received wisdom, on the view that this will help to stimulate class discussion.


2) September 7 – Liberal egalitarianism and tax policy – Bruce Ackerman and Anne Alstott, “Why Stakeholding?”


Attendance at all sessions is required. Please let me know in advance if you cannot make a particular class, and why.

There is no final exam. Course grades are based on three comment papers, preferably about 8 to 10 pages long, critiquing the readings or otherwise discussing the topic for a given week. These papers are due at the start of the class to which they relate, and should either be e-mailed to me at shavrod@juris.law.nyu.edu or submitted through the digital dropbox in Blackboard.

Starting in Week 2, each student must make one short presentation at the beginning of class to get the discussion going. Given the class size, three students may be co-presenting most of the time. Please coordinate your efforts with your co-presenters and send me a brief outline of your presentation at least a day in advance. Fourth, I do not keep specific office hours, but am generally available in my office from about 9 to 5 on weekdays. On Tuesday afternoons, however, I am teaching another seminar. Feel free to come in without an appointment, but you can e-mail me for an appointment if you are having trouble finding me.

My secretary is Rosemary Simon. She sits in room 416, and can be reached at 212-998-6183 or simonr@juris.law.nyu.edu.

* The final class will meet on Monday, December 4, from 1 to 3 pm, rather than at the usual Thursday time.