

# JOUR4330 – Freedom of expression

Take home exam spring 2012

**Hand out Monday 4. June at 10:00**

**Hand in Thursday 7. June before 14:00 in Fronter (fronter.uio.no)**

Answer *one* (1) of the three (3) questions below:

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**1.** Ronald Dworkin has argued:

Free speech is a basis for legitimate government. Laws and policies are not legitimate unless they have been adopted through a democratic process, and a process is not democratic if government has prevented anyone from expressing his convictions about what those laws and policies should be.

(In: Ronald Dworkin (2006) "The Right to Ridicule", *The New York Review of Books* Vol. 53. No. 5. March 23. 2006.)

Discuss this statement.

**2.** In an interview with a Norwegian newspaper recently the British philosopher Quentin Skinner argued that in today's society freedom of expression is not a right that is equal to everyone, Owners of large media corporations have the opportunity to have their opinions heard in a manner that is not equal to the ordinary citizen. Discuss this in relation to the basic principles underlying the principles of freedom of expression.

**3.** Discuss the relationship between freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

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*The exam is to be written in English. The submitted paper may be up to 10 pages (one page is calculated to 2300 characters without spaces). Remember to include your candidatenummer, coursecode and coursename on the frontpage, and put pagenumbers on each page. And don't forget to upload the obligatory statement concerning cheating to the correct folder.*

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Prof. Helge Rønning ([helge.ronning@media.uio.no](mailto:helge.ronning@media.uio.no)) is available on e-mail for questions concerning the exam question on Monday June 4. Questions sent before 12.00 will be answered within the end of the day.

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