

Michael Walzer's *Spheres of Justice*  
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Human society as distributive community (divide, share, exchange):

Axiom: priority of distribution to production  
subject: identity AND possession

Problem of impartiality:  
is NOT with particularism of *interest*  
BUT with particularism of *history, culture and membership*

"Theory of Goods"

1.) All distributive justice goods are social goods

Exemption: God's Creation is ideosyncratically valued

2.) Identity is the result of the way of conceiving, creating and possessing social goods.  
Historical line of transaction

3.) There is no single set of primary goods across ALL moral and material worlds  
even: Bread!

4.) Meaning of goods → Movement

Distributions have properties in virtue of the social meanings of the goods at stake

5.) Historical character: transition of social meanings

6.) When meanings are distinct, distributions must be autonomous → distributive spheres

Walzer's problem

Leaving social meanings as constant as possible while taking into account their historical change; it equals the relation between their distinctiveness and transformability

Dominance: a dominant good gives its holder the command over a "wide range of other goods" ("social alchemy" of convertibility)

Monopoly: a way of owning or controlling social goods in order to exploit their dominance

Ruling Class: Monopolistic control of a dominant goods