

Summary thesis – Jamie Kaan – 451368 – “Striking the balance on Rawls: a reflection on position and equilibrium”

The thesis I wrote is focused on Rawls’s *A Theory of Justice*. According to Rawls, ‘each person possesses an inviolability founded on justice that even the welfare of society as a whole cannot override.’¹ The thesis zooms in on the concepts of the original position and reflective equilibrium. After having explained the concepts, I have evaluated the critique of the theory. I tried to find if the concepts can be justified and came to the conclusion that mainly the concept of the reflective equilibrium is the right methodology for Rawls’s theory of justice. The reflective equilibrium namely present a coherent view in which all considered convictions of justice come together: into Rawls’s two principles of justice.

¹ John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999), 3.