

Phil 114, Third Paper Topic

Due: Monday, April 2, in class, before lecture begins (=10:10).

Maximum Length: **Four** double-spaced pages, 12-point font, one-inch margins

Offer an interpretation of how Rousseau's social contract—roughly, everyone's agreeing to do only what the general will allows—makes it possible that “each... may still obey himself alone, and remain as free as before.” Support your interpretation with quotations from the text. Then raise an objection to that interpretation. The objection can be philosophical, or interpretive (i.e., that the interpretation is in tension with other parts of Rousseau's text), or both.