Political theorists typically treat claims about (in)justice as moral or philosophical propositions. In this talk, Goodhart discusses what it would mean to treat them as political or ideological claims, elaborating on the epistemological, political, and pragmatic implications of doing so. He argues that his proposed approach gives theorists a different and better way of engaging with real world politics.

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