PHI 519/ CHV 519: Topics in Non-Consequentialist Ethics  
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Fall semester 2015/16  
Fridays 10am-12.50pm in Marx 201

Course Description  
A survey of recent work in non-consequentialist moral philosophy.

Course Requirements  
Students wishing to take this course for a unit or a letter grade are required to write a paper of no more than 10,000 words. Auditors are very welcome. In addition, all students should post a question or comment on the assigned readings to the course website by 10pm on the night before class. All readings will be made available on Blackboard.

Guest Speakers:  
We are fortunate to have two guest speakers this semester. Professors Alec Walen (Rutgers) and Frances Kamm (Harvard) will visit the seminar on October 30 and November 13 respectively, to lead discussion of their work.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

September 18: NO CLASS  
(Make-up session in reading period)

Sep 25: Introduction to Non-Consequentialism  
Frances Kamm, “Nonconsquentialism” from Intricate Ethics

Oct 2: Agent-Relativity  
Thomas Nagel, “Agent-Relativity and Deontology” (excerpt from The View from Nowhere)  
Christine Korsgaard, “The Reasons We Can Share: An Attack on the Distinction Between Agent-Relative and Agent-Neutral Values”  
Tom Dougherty, “Agent-Neutral Deontology”

Oct 9: Agent-Centered Restrictions and the Paradox of Deontology  
Sam Scheffler, “Agent-Centred Restrictions, Rationality, and the Virtues”  
Kasper Lippert-Rasmussen, “Moral Status and the Impermissibility of Minimizing Violations”  
Ulrike Heuer, “The Paradox of Deontology, Revisited”

Oct 16: Duties of Beneficence, Partial Compliance, and Demandingness  
Liam Murphy, “The Demands of Beneficence”  
Garrett Cullity, “Asking Too Much”

Oct 23: Doing vs Allowing and Killing vs Letting Die  
Warren Quinn, “Actions, Intentions, and Consequences: The Doctrine of Doing and Allowing”  
N. Ann Davis, “The Priority of Avoiding Harm”  
Jeff McMahan, “Killing, Letting Die, and Withdrawing Aid”
Oct 30: The Means Principle
Guest speaker: Alec Walen (Rutgers)
Derek Parfit, “Harming as a Means” and “Kantian Beliefs” (ms.)
Alec Walen, “The Restricting Claims Principle Revisited”

FALL BREAK

Nov 13: The Trolley Problem
Guest speaker: Frances Kamm (Harvard)
Judith Thomson, “Turning the Trolley”
Frances Kamm, The Trolley Problem Mysteries

Nov 20: Intentions and Permissibility: The Doctrine of Double Effect
Warren Quinn, “Actions, Intentions, and Consequences: The Doctrine of Double Effect”
Tim Scanlon, “The Illusory Appeal of Double Effect” from Moral Dimensions
Ralph Wedgwood, “Defending Double Effect”

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Dec 4: The Numbers Problem
John Taurek, “Should the Numbers Count?”
Derek Parfit, “Innumerate Ethics”
Matthew Liao, “Who Is Afraid of Numbers?”

Dec 11: Moral Aggregation and the Separateness of Persons
Alex Voorhoeve, “How Should We Aggregate Competing Claims?”

Dec 18: Contractualism
Tim Scanlon, “Introduction” and “The Structure of Contractualism” from What We Owe to Each Other
Johann Frick, “Contractualism and Social Risk”

Reading Period (exact date TBD): Can Deontological Theories be Consequentialized?
Douglas Portmore, “Consequentializing Commonsense Morality”
Campbell Brown, “Consequentialize This”