

CONVENORS: BECKY BROWN AND GUY KAHANE

MONDAYS, WEEK 1 - 8

11.00 A.M. - 1.00 P.M.

RYLE ROOM, FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY, RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY QUARTER

Week One: 9 October

DISABILITY

Guy Kahane and Becky Brown

Week Two: 16 October

COMMODIFICATION

Becky Brown

Week Three: 23 October

GENE EDITING AND SELECTION

Katrien Devolder and Tom Douglas

Week Four: 30 October

NEUROINTERVENTION

Jonny Pugh and Tom Douglas

Week Five: 6 November

COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND MORAL INTUITIONS

Guy Kahane

Week Six: 13 November

EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM

Will MacAskill and Guy Kahane

Week Seven: 20 November

HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY

Becky Brown and Carissa Véliz

Week Eight: 27 November

PUNISHMENT

Hannah Maslen

READINGS

WEEK ONE

DISABILITY

Guy Kahane and Becky Brown

Core Reading:

- Barnes, E. *The Minority Body: A Theory of Disability*. OUP, 2015. Chapters 1, 3.
- Savulescu J. and Kahane, G. 2011. 'Disability: A Welfarist Approach', *Journal of Clinical Ethics*, 6, 1: 45-51 (for a fuller statement of the view, see Kahane, G. & J. Savulescu (2009). The Welfarist Account of Disability. In A. Cureton & K. Brownlee (Eds.), *Disability and Disadvantage* (pp. 14-53). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Additional Reading:

- Campbell, Stephen M., and Joseph A. Stramondo. "The Complicated Relationship of Disability and Well-Being." Forthcoming in The Kennedy Institute of Ethics. On-line at academia.edu (google the title)
- Wasserman, D. and Asch, A., 2013. Understanding the relationship between disability and well-being. *Disability and the good human life*. New York: Cambridge, pp.139-67.
- Elizabeth Barnes (2014) Valuing Disability, Causing Disability. *Ethics* 125, 88-113. For critical discussion of this paper, see
 - G. Kahane & J. Savulescu (2016). 'Disability and Mere Difference', *Ethics* 127: 774-788.
 - Andrić, V. & Wünderlich, J. (2015) 'Is It Bad to Be Disabled? Adjudicating Between the Mere-Difference and the Bad-Difference Views of Disability', *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 9 (3),1-16.
 - Barnes, E. (2016) 'Reply to Guy Kahane and Julian Savulescu', *Res Philosophica*, 93 (1), 295-309.
- Hopwood, Mark (2016). 'Terrible Purity': Peter Singer, Harriet McBryde Johnson, and the Moral Significance of the Particular. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 2 (4):637-655.

WEEK TWO

COMMODIFICATION

Becky Brown

Core Reading:

- Margaret Jane Radin (1987) 'Market-Inalienability', *Harvard Law Review*, Vol. 100, No. 8, pp. 1849-1937
- Michael Sandel (1998) 'What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets', *The Tanner Lectures on Human Values*.
- Deborah Satz (1992) 'Markets in Women's Reproductive Labor', *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 21, No. 2, pp. 107-131.

Additional reading:

- Elizabeth Anderson (1993) 'The Ethical Limitations of the Market', *Value in Ethics and Economics*, Chapter 7 pp.141-167.
- Michael Sandel (2012) *What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets*, London: Allen Lane
- Stephen Wilkinson (2000) 'Commodification Arguments for the Legal Prohibition of Organ Sale', *Health Care Analysis*, Vol. 8, pp. 189-201.

WEEK THREE

GENE EDITING AND SELECTION

Katrien Devolder and Tom Douglas

Core Reading:

- Savulescu, J., and G. Kahane. 2009. The moral obligation to create children with the best chance of the best life. *Bioethics* 23(5): 274-290
- Elster J . 2011. Procreative beneficence—Cui bono? *Bioethics* 25:482-88.
- Sparrow, R. 2010. Should human beings have sex? Sexual dimorphism and human enhancement. *American Journal of Bioethics* 10(7): 3-12. (There are several short commentaries on Sparrow's piece in the same issue of the *American Journal of Bioethics* for those who are interested).

Additional reading:

- Gyngell, C and Douglas, T. 2016. Selecting against disability: The liberal eugenic challenge and the argument from cognitive diversity. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* DOI: 10.1111/japp.12199
- Savulescu, J., Hemsley, M., Newson, A. J., & Foddy, B. 2006. Behavioural genetics: why eugenic selection is preferable to enhancement. *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 23 (2), 157 - 171
- Fowler, T. 2015. In Defence of State Directed Enhancement. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 32(1): 67-81

WEEK FOUR

NEUROINTERVENTION

*Jonny Pugh and Tom Douglas***Background Reading:**

- Pugh, Jonathan, and Thomas Douglas. forthcoming. “Neuro-Interventions as Criminal Rehabilitation: An Ethical Review”. In *Routledge Handbook of Criminal Justice Ethics*, edited by Jonathan Jacobs. Routledge. Available here: https://www.academia.edu/23486065/Neurointerventions_as_Criminal_Rehabilitation_An_Ethical_Review_Routledge_Handbook_of_Criminal_Justice_Ethics

Core Reading:

- Shaw, Elizabeth. 2014. ‘Direct Brain Interventions and Responsibility Enhancement’. *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 8 (1): 1-20. doi:10.1007/s11572-012-9152-2.
- Ryberg, Jesper. 2012. ‘Punishment, Pharmacological Treatment, and Early Release’: Edited by Elliot D. Cohen. *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 26 (2): 231-44. doi:10.5840/ijap201226217.

Further Reading:

- Douglas, Thomas (2015), 'The Morality of Moral Neuroenhancement'. in J. Clausen and N. Levy, (Eds.) *Handbook of Neuroethics* (Springer) pp 1227-1249. Available here: https://sites.google.com/site/tomdouglasacademic/research/filestore/Douglas_Moral%20Neuroenhancement_pre-pub%202.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1
- McMillan, John. 2014. ‘The Kindest Cut? Surgical Castration, Sex Offenders and Coercive Offers’. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 40 (9): 583-90. doi:10.1136/medethics-2012-101030.
- Pugh, Jonathan, and Hannah Maslen. 2015. “‘Drugs That Make You Feel Bad’? Remorse-Based Mitigation and Neurointerventions’. *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, October, 1-24. doi:10.1007/s11572-015-9383-0.
- Ryberg, Jesper. 2013. ‘Is Coercive Treatment of Offenders Morally Acceptable? On the Deficiency of the Debate’. *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 9 (4): 619-31. doi:10.1007/s11572-013-9288-8.
- Vincent, Nicole A. 2014. ‘Restoring Responsibility: Promoting Justice, Therapy and Reform Through Direct Brain Interventions’. *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 8 (1): 21-42. doi:10.1007/s11572-012-9156-y.

WEEK FIVE

COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND MORAL INTUITIONS

Guy Kahane

Core Reading:

- Railton, P. 'Moral Learning: Conceptual foundations and normative relevance.' *Cognition* 167 (2017): 172-190.
(For a fuller statement of the view, see Railton, Peter. (2014). "The affective dog and its rational tale: Intuition and attunement." *Ethics* 124.4 (2014): 813-859.)
- Greene, J. D. 'The rat-a-gorical imperative: Moral intuition and the limits of affective learning.' *Cognition* (2017).

Further Reading:

- McMahan, J. (2000). 'Moral Intuition' in Hugh LaFollett (ed.), *The Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory*. Blackwell Publishers. 92–110.
- Singer, P. (2005). Ethics and intuitions. *The Journal of Ethics*, 9(3-4), 331-352.
- Greene, J. D. (2014), "Beyond Point-and-Shoot Morality: Why Cognitive (Neuro)Science Matters for Ethics," *Ethics* 124 (4), 695-729. See also Greene's popular book *Moral Tribes* (2013).
- Kahane, G. (2014). 'Intuitive and Counterintuitive Morality', in J. D'Arms and D. Jacobson, eds., *Moral Psychology and Human Agency: Philosophical Essays on the Science of Ethics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 9-39
- Kahane, G. 2013. 'The Armchair and the Trolley', *Philosophical Studies*, 162, 2: 421-445.

WEEK SIX

EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM

Will MacAskill and Guy Kahane

Core Reading:

- MacAskill, W. 'The Case for Effective Altruism', (unpublished, to be circulated)
- Iason Gabriel. (2016). 'Effective Altruism and Its Critics', *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 33
- Amia Srinivasan. (2015). Stop the Robot Apocalypse, *London Review of Books*. <https://www.lrb.co.uk/v37/n18/amia-srinivasan/stop-the-robot-apocalypse>
- Jeff McMahan. (2016). 'Philosophical Critiques of Effective Altruism', *Philosophers' Magazine*. http://effective-altruism.com/ea/x4/philosophical_critiques_of_effective_altruism_by/

Further reading:

- Peter Singer (1972) Famine, affluence, and morality. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 1, 229- 243.
- William MacAskill (2015) *Doing good better* (Guardian/Faber & Faber) - Chs. 2-3, 7.
- Peter Singer (2015) *The most good you can do* (Yale UP) - Ch. 1.
- Theron Pummer (2016) Whether and where to give. *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 44, 77-95.
- Jeff McMahan (2017) Doing good and doing the best. In Woodruff, ed. *Philanthropy and philosophy* (OUP)
- Garrett Cullity (2004) *The Moral Demands of Affluence* (OUP)

WEEK SEVEN

HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY

Becky Brown and Carissa Véliz

Core Reading

- Walter Glannon (1998) 'Responsibility, Alcoholism and Liver Transplantation', *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 31-49
- Peter Strawson (1962) 'Freedom and Resentment', *Proceedings of the British Academy*, Vol. 48, pp.1-25
- Dan Wikler 'Personal and Social Responsibility for Health', *Ethics and International Affairs*, Vol. 16, No. 2, pp. 47-55.

Additional reading

- TM Scanlon (1986) 'The Significance of Choice', *Tanner Lectures on Human Values*, Vol. 8, pp.149-216
- Neil Levy (2005) 'The Good, the Bad, and the Blameworthy', *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp.2-16
- Department of Health (2011) *The Public Health Responsibility Deal*, London: Department of Health.

WEEK EIGHT

PUNISHMENT

Hannah Maslen

Core Reading

- Dolinko, D. (1991). Three mistakes of retributivism. *UCLA Law Review*, 39, 1623.
- Richard Frase, 'Limiting Retributivism', in *The Future of Imprisonment in the 21st Century*, 94 (Michael Tonry ed., 2004) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=420324
- Hampton, J. (1984). The moral education theory of punishment. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 208-238.
- von Hirsch, A. (1991). Proportionality in the Philosophy of Punishment: From Why Punish to How Much. *Israel Law Review*, 25, 549.

Further Reading

- Bagaric, M. (2014). The Punishment Should Fit the Crime-Not the Prior Convictions of the Person That Committed the Crime: An Argument for Less Impact Being Accorded to Previous Convictions in Sentencing. *San Diego L. Rev.*, 51, 343.
- du Bois-Pedain, A. (2017, August). In Defence of Substantial Sentencing Discretion. In *Criminal Law Forum* (pp. 1-45). Springer Netherlands.
- Tasioulas, J. (2003, June). Vi—Mercy. In *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* (Vol. 103, No. 1, pp. 101-132). The Oxford University Press.
- Zedner, L. (2016). Penal subversions: When is a punishment not punishment, who decides and on what grounds?. *Theoretical Criminology*, 20(1), 3-20.