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DISCIPLINARY COURSE

TITLE: Ethical Progress - Phenomenological and Naturalist Points of View

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CFU: 1

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

In recent commentaries, Husserl's view of ethics has been elaborated as a combination of Kantian and Aristotelian approaches to ethics – typically, however, more Aristotelian than Kantian. This course, in turn, is based on a hypothesis that a comparison between phenomenological and naturalist approaches to ethics could be more fruitful for deeper understanding of phenomenological ethics. With that purpose in mind we will discuss Philip Kitcher's naturalist approach. However, there are some important differences between the two, especially regarding values and truth, on which we will focus in the end of the course.

CALENDAR:

Thursday, Oct. 17th 12:30-14:30 (Classroom: Aula 2)

Monday, Oct. 21st 10:30-12:30 (Classroom: Aula 2)

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd - 9:30 to 11:30am (Classroom: Aula 2)

SUGGESTED READINGS:



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Session 1: Methods in Phenomenology and in Kitcher's Pragmatic Naturalism

Reading:

- Husserl, *Crisis*, §7 (pp. 16-18), §§9k, l (pp. 56-59)
- Hartimo, M (2018). “Radical *Besinnung* in *Formale und transzendente Logik* (1929)”, *Husserl Studies*. 34:247-266
- Kitcher’s *Ethical Project*, Introduction. §1, 1- 13.

Session 2: Kitcher’s genealogy: Brief gloss of Chapters 1-3 of Philip Kitcher’s *Ethical Project* (Harvard UP, 2014), and Wollstonecraft as Galileo.

Reading:

- Kitcher, §24. Second-Sex Citizens: 145-153
- Useful further reading, entire *Crisis* §9 and Chapters 1-3 of Kitcher.

Session 3: Ethical progress and truth

Reading:

- Kitcher, §§28-34, pp. 173-229. §38, pp. 245-249.