

In the Spring 2019 semester, FIL2310 will focus on 'moral psychology': A crucial, recent development in metaethics is that research from empirical sciences such as psychological, behavioural, and neurosciences, is increasingly taken to inform its debates. This has especially impacted moral psychology, at the very foundation of moral philosophy, relating to what mental processes actually operate when someone engages in moral behaviour. In this course, we will focus on recent, interdisciplinary perspectives on the moral psychology, metaethics, and normative ethics, especially relating to 'moral agency' and 'moral responsibility'. For example: What are the roles of reasoning and emotions in determining someone's moral judgements? How does one's context function in shaping one's moral behaviours? Is a person driven by intuitions a moral agent? And are we morally responsible for possessing and exhibiting psychological processes such as 'implicit racial biases' or 'unconscious sexist stereotypes'?