

Great moral issues in contemporary society

Start date	11 May 2018	End date	13 May 2018
Venue	Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge		
Tutor	Dr. Karim Esmail	Course code	1718NRX047

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Tutor biography

Karim Esmail BA MPhil MPhil PhD

Educated at Oxford, Cambridge, London, and Harvard.

Awarded a British Academy Studentship.

Awarded the Gregg Bury Prize, Cambridge.

Formerly, Research Fellow, Oxford & Visiting Fellow, Harvard & Burney Student, Cambridge.

Alongside international articles, he has recently published a clear, original and best-selling work on God's nature and existence: *God A brief philosophical introduction*.

God A brief philosophical introduction II is forthcoming.

Currently, he lectures at Oxford and Cambridge.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Introduction; Animals
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Abortion
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Euthanasia
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Immigration
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Multiculturalism
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Freedom of Speech and Religion
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	War
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

- To provide an understanding of some of the great moral issues of today.
- To enable students to *begin* to engage critically with these issues.

Content:

There are a number of issues which are of great moral concern today.

This series of lectures is an introduction to some of these issues.

They are (experiments on) Animals, Abortion, Euthanasia, Immigration, Multiculturalism, Freedom of Speech and Religion, and War.

In each case, we shall arrive at an understanding of the issue and then we shall consider the case for and against.

Presentation of the course:

Lectures (principally) and discussion.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

- An understanding of some of the great moral issues of today.
- An ability to *begin* to engage critically with these issues.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Useful works		
Singer, P.,	<i>Practical Ethics</i>	(Cambridge, 1979)
Singer, P. (ed.),	<i>Applied Ethics</i>	(Oxford 1986)
Other useful works		
De Marco, J. P. & Fox, R. M. (eds.),	<i>New Directions in Ethics: the Challenge of Applied Ethics</i>	(Routledge, 1986)
Evans, J. D. G. (ed.),	<i>Moral Philosophy & Contemporary Problems</i>	(Cambridge, 1987)
Griffiths, A. P. (ed.),	<i>Philosophy and Practice</i>	(Cambridge 1985)
Kenny, A.,	<i>The Ivory Tower</i>	(Oxford, 1985)
Nagel, T.,	<i>Mortal Questions</i>	(Cambridge, 1979)
Nuttall, J.,	<i>Moral Questions</i>	(Cambridge, 1993)
Rachels, J. (ed.),	<i>Moral Problems</i>	(New York, 1979)

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