

Philosophy Faculty Reading List 2011-2012

PART II PAPER 03: ETHICS

SYLLABUS

The ends of action: needs and interests; preference and value; prudence and time-preference; well-being.

Metaethics: realism; expressivism and quasi-realism; irrealism.

Biomedical ethics; prenatal screening and abortion; genetic engineering and eugenics; Health and health care.

Ethics and organisations: corporate agency; corporate responsibility; trust and accountability.

Set text: Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, with special reference to the following topics: the categorical imperative; duty and motive; morality and freedom.

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THE ENDS OF ACTION

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