

Advanced Topics in Value Theory II | PIU44172

Year	Senior Sophister
ECTS Credits	10
Contact Hours	22 (11 x 2-hour seminars)
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	2
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Module Outline:

In this course we will explore a number of current and emerging ethical issues facing our societies. Key topics we will explore include:

- The ethics of markets and the sale of certain goods/services (e.g., sex, human organs, surrogacy services)
- ‘Cancel culture’ and free speech
- Privacy, data, and algorithms

Through looking at case studies and moral discourse in popular culture, we will engage with high-profile issues against the background of normative theory regarding equality, exploitation, oppression, and rights.

Assessment:

2 Essays: 1 midterm (25%)
 1 end of module (75%)

Recommended Reading List:

An extensive and detailed reading list will be made available at the start of the module. To prepare, the following will be useful:

- Zwolinski, Matt, Benjamin Ferguson, and Alan Wertheimer, "Exploitation", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2022 Edition), Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman (eds.), URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2022/entries/exploitation/>
- Srinivasan, Amia ‘Cancelled’ in *London Review of Books*, available here: <https://www.lrb.co.uk/the-paper/v45/n13/amia-srinivasan/cancelled>