Virtue Ethics and the Environment

Whatever its origins, EVE (Environmental Virtue Ethics) now appears to be a vital part of the environmental philosophy landscape. Whether you look to it for an alternative to other theoretical approaches to environmental ethics, or as a complement to them, there are a number of ways EVE clarifies our environmental choices and responsibilities.

This is an exciting collection that addresses compelling issues, not only in EVE, but in environmental philosophy more broadly. In addition to their individual merits, these articles collectively demonstrate the value of EVE to environmental philosophy and the value of environmental philosophy in helping create sustainable societies and preserve nature.

Recent movement on negotiating a strong successor to the Kyoto Treaty gives some hope that the world is waking up to the moral imperative to protect the Earth. But whether people will be willing to ratchet down our economic demands and reshape our economies to reflect this hoped-for moral progress remains to be seen.

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Features
► Focuses on Environmental Virtue Ethics
► Peer reviewed by experts ► Brings together many aspects on the subject of EVE

From the contents
Editorial; Richard P. Haynes.- Environmental Virtue Ethics Special Issue: Introduction; Philip Cafaro.- Environmentalism and Public Virtue; Brian Treanor.- Forgivingness, Pessimism, and Environmental Citizenship; Kathryn J. Norlock.- Radical Hope for Living Well in a Warmer World; Allen Thompson.

Fields of interest
Ethics; Environment, general; Agriculture

Target groups
Research

Discount group
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European Business Ethics Casebook

The Morality of Corporate Decision Making

Business ethics as a discipline leans on cases but flourishes by thorough analysis and reflection. The present volume offers both. After four introductory chapters into business ethics eleven recent European cases, mainly stemming from The Netherlands and Belgium and all of them with a clear moral impact, are extensively described and analysed. Among them are the Lernout and Hauspie speech technology disaster, Heineken struggle with the promotion girls selling beer in Cambodia, cartels in the Dutch construction industry, Shell's unproven oil reserves, dubious side letters in Ahold contracts, the pharmaceutical industry and the Aids crisis, and Unilever allegedly making use of child labour in the cotton industry in India. The cases offer an unique vehicle through which to consider the moral reasoning and the personal and institutional dimensions to be taken into account when facing a corporate case saturated with moral ambiguities.

Features
► Extensive and nuanced case descriptions
► First case book of its kind ► Interdisciplinary approach to business ethics ► Advanced theoretical approaches to business ethics cases

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Fields of interest
Ethics; Law and Economics; Philosophy

Target groups
Research

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European Business Ethics Cases in Context

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Features
► Extensive and nuanced case descriptions
► Multi perspective, in-depth comments on cases ► Interdisciplinary approach to business ethics ► Advanced theoretical approaches to business ethics cases

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Fields of interest
Ethics; Law and Economics; Philosophy

Target groups
Research

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Peace Through Commerce
A Multisectoral Approach

The papers that comprise this book could hardly be conceived of 10 years ago. The idea of commercial republics having a positive impact on peaceful international relations was, of course, not new. Kant and Montesquieu argued for the idea and the idea that trade and peace might be linked has been standard political rhetoric in the west for decades. These were macro-level analyses of commerce and peace. This remains a field in its infancy and this book provides a foundation for further in-depth analysis and inquiry.

Features
► Focuses on a field in its infancy  ► Peer reviewed by experts  ► Provides a conceptual overview of the strategic alternatives utilized by companies

From the contents

Fields of interest
Ethics; Economics/Management Science, general; Philosophy

Target groups
Research

Discount group
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Argument Structure
Representation and Theory

This monograph first presents a method of diagramming argument macrostructure, synthesizing the standard circle and arrow approach with the Toulmin model. A theoretical justification of this method through a dialectical understanding of argument, a critical examination of Toulmin on warrants, a thorough discussion of the linked-convergent distinction, and an account of the proper reconstruction of enthymemes follows.

Features
► Comprehensive dialectical theory representing argument structures incorporating Toulmin model insights  ► Defends the linked-convergent distinction in depth, responding to virtually all recent critics in journals and proceedings

Contents
Preface.- Chapter One An Approach to Argument Macrostructure. - Chapter Two The Dialectical Nature of ARGUMENT.- Chapter Three Toulmin’s Problematic Notion of Warrant.- Chapter Four The Linked-Convergent Distinction—A First Approximation.- Chapter Five Argument Structure and Disciplinary Perspective: The Linked-Convergent versus Multiple-Co-ordinatively Compound Distinctions.- Chapter Six The Linked-Convergent Distinction—Refining the Criterion.- Chapter Seven Argument Structure and Enthymemes.- Chapter Eight From Analysis to Evaluation.- References.- Index.

Fields of interest
Logic; Philosophy of Language

Target groups
Research

Discount group
P

Commentary on the Principles of Thermodynamics by Pierre Duhem

Pierre Duhem (1861–1916) held the chair of theoretical physics at Bordeaux from 1894 to his death. He established a reputation in both the history and philosophy of science as well as in science itself (physics and physical chemistry). Much of his work in the first two areas has been translated into English, but little of his technical scientific work. The present volume contains early work of Duhem’s illustrating his interest in the rigorous development of physical theory for which he is famous. It opens with what was the first critical discussion of Gibbs’ groundbreaking “On the Equilibrium of Heterogeneous Substances” (1876-8), where Duhem addressed the problem that, as he put it, “Mathematicians regret that the principles of Thermodynamics should have been developed in general with so little precision that the same proposition can be regarded by some as a consequence, and by others as a negation, of these principles.” The other papers, forming a three-part series, pursue this project of putting the foundations of thermodynamics on a clearer and more secure basis.

Features
► Previously untranslated publications of Pierre Duhem  ► First definition of reversible process in thermodynamics  ► First critical study of Gibbs’s “On the equilibrium of heterogeneous systems”

From the contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Science; Physical Chemistry;

Target groups
Research

Discount group
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Christianity, Antiquity, and Enlightenment

Interpretations of Locke

The volume will consist of a series of interpretative studies of Locke's philosophical and religious thought in historical context and consider his contributions to the Enlightenment and modern liberal thought.

Features
- An original account of Locke focusing on central themes of his thought rarely mention in other studies
- Contains transcriptions of Locke's manuscripts not before published
- The studies can be read independently, in select groups, or can be read in sequence

Contents

Fields of interest
History; History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion

Target groups
Research

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G. Ronzitti, Helsinki, Finland (Ed.)

Vagueness: A Guide

This volume represents a collection of seven chapters on the problem of “vagueness” as it relates to specific problems of philosophical interest such as “the status of logical laws”, “the notion of meaning”, “the notion of existence”, “the notion of observationality” etc. in the context of specific philosophical subjects such as “logic”, “metaphysics”, “meaning theory”, “philosophy of law”, “cognitive science”, “linguistics”.

Features
- Systematic presentation of the problem of vagueness
- Written by renown scholars
- Vagueness is treated thematically

Contents

Fields of interest
Metaphysics; Logic; Philosophy of Language

Target groups
Research

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S. P. Sethi, CUNY, New York, NY, USA (Ed.)

Globalization and the Good Corporation

Recent trends in globalization have conclusively demonstrated that economic and socio-political problems of the 21st century would need to be confronted in the context of the inter-dependent nature of the world and its inhabitants. The emerging global economic order has once again brought capitalism and its principal actor, the large multinational corporation, to the apex of social institutions. The 23 papers represent a diversity of viewpoints and are indicative of one of the major goals, i.e., to create a meaningful discourse that goes beyond rhetoric. Instead, it emphasizes a search for feasible solutions in the context of real world problems, resource constraints, and human frailties. Previously Published in the Journal of Business Ethics, Volume 87 Supplement 1, 2009.

Features
- Emphasizes a search for feasible solutions in the context of real world problems, resource constraints, and human frailties
- Peer reviewed
- Searches for feasible solutions in the context of real world problems, resource constraints, and human frailties

From the contents

Fields of interest
Ethics; Economics general; Philosophy

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