

Program OZSW graduate course 'Ethics & the Empirical Sciences'

Spring 2013

Dates: March, 25; April 15; May 6 and 27, June 10 and 24, 2013

(the morning sessions are from **10 – 12:30 p.m.**; the afternoon sessions **from 13.30 – 16 p.m**)

Location: VU University, Main Building

<http://www.ozsw.nl/course-ethics-the-empirical-sciences2013/>

Monday, March 25

Topic: Basic moral capacities – the moral development of the young child

Instructors: prof.dr. D. Brugman (UU) (morning session) & dr. L. de Bruin (VU) (afternoon session)

Literature

Nichols, Shaun (2004), *The sentimental rules: On the natural foundations of moral judgment*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, chapters 1 up to and including 4

Monday, April 15

Topic: The evolution of morality and of the moral subject

Instructors: prof.dr. N.M.N. van Straalen (VU) (morning session) & dr A. Wouters (EUR) (afternoon session)

Literature

Waal, Frans de et al. (2006), *Primates and philosophers: How morality evolved*, Princeton: Princeton University Press. (Only De Waal's contribution)

Kitcher, Philip (2011), *The Ethical Project*. Cambridge (Mass.): Harvard University Press. Chs up to and including 4

Monday, May 6

Topic: The situationism debate about the existence of character traits and the relevance for virtue ethics

Instructors: dr. Nancy E. Snow (Marquette University, USA) (both sessions)

Literature

Doris, John (2002), *Lack of character: Personality and moral behavior*, Cambridge: Cambridge UP, chapters 1 up to and including 5

Snow, Nancy (2010), *Virtue as Social Intelligence: An empirically grounded theory*. New York: Routledge.

Monday, May 27

Topic: Free will and moral responsibility

Instructors: prof.dr. G. Meynen (VU) (morning session) and dr. L. de Bruin (VU) (afternoon session)

Literature:

Wegner, D. (2002), *The Illusion of Conscious Will*, MIT Press (chapters 1 up to and including 3, ch. 9 optional).

Meynen, G. (2010), Free will and mental disorder: Exploring a relationship. *Theor Med Bioeth* (2010) 31:429–443

Monday, June 10

Topic: Moral intuitions and moral deliberation

Instructors: dr. J. Ham (TUE) (morning session) and prof.dr. M.M.K. Sie (EUR/RUL) (afternoon session)

Literature

Haidt, J. (2012), *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*, New York: Pantheon Books.

Monday, June 24

The participants present their draft papers. The coordinator and other participants give comments.