

Cours Title & Duration

Approaches in Ethics

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Description

In this course, we will focus on reasoning processes and judgments that belong to the ethical spheres of our everyday life. In order to situate, understand and analyze our everyday ethical and non-ethical behavior we will consider the following questions: To what extent we judge according to conventional values and/or our form our original/authentic opinions on issues related to ethics? How do we learn to attach values to things and persons? How are emotions part of our everyday ethical judgments and reasoning processes?

The purpose of our inquiry is to understand how ethical assessments are shaped in our everyday life (whether acknowledged by the individual or not). Hence, this class aims to guide students in recognizing their own moralization habits and challenge their conventional reasoning by instructing them to think critically on ethical issues. To do this we will briefly discuss philosophers such as Plato, Kant, Marx and Freud and focus on their conceptions of ethical behavior, human nature and humanity/civilization.