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THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF CONSEQUENTIALISM

Oxford University Press Consequentialism is a major moral theory in contemporary philosophy: it is the view that the only thing that matters when making moral decisions is the outcome of those decisions. Consequentialists hold that to morally assess an act, we must first evaluate and rank the various ways that things could turn out depending on whether it or some alternative act is performed. Whether we should perform that act thus depends on how its outcome ranks relative to those of its alternatives. Consequentialism rivals deontology, contractualism, and virtue ethics, but, more importantly, it has influenced contemporary moral philosophy such that the consequentialist/non-consequentialist distinction is one of the most central in normative ethics. After all, every plausible moral theory must concede that the goodness of an act's consequences is something that matters, even if it's not the only thing that matters. Thus, all plausible moral theories will accept that both 1) an act's producing good consequences constitutes a moral reason to perform it, and 2) the better its consequences, the more of a moral reason there is to perform it. In this way, much of consequentialist ethical theory is important for normative ethics in general. This Oxford Handbook contains thirty-two previously unpublished contributions by top moral philosophers examining the current state of play in consequentialism and pointing to new directions for future research. The volume is organized into four major sections: foundational issues; objections to consequentialism; its forms and limits; and consequentialism's implications for policy, practice, and social reform.

MORALITY BY DEGREES

REASONS WITHOUT DEMANDS

Oxford University Press In *Morality by Degrees*, Alastair Norcross articulates and defends a radical new approach to ethical theory. Consequentialist theories of the right connect the rightness and wrongness (and related notions) of actions with the intrinsic goodness and badness of states of affairs consequential on those actions. The most popular such theory is maximization, which is said to demand of agents that they maximize the good, that they do the best they can, at all times. Thus it may seem that consequentialist theories are overly demanding, and, relatedly, that they cannot accommodate the phenomenon of going above and beyond the demands of duty. However, a clear understanding of consequentialism leaves no room for a theory of the right, at least not at the fundamental level of the theory. A consequentialist theory, such as utilitarianism, is a theory of how to rank outcomes, and derivatively actions, which provides reasons for choosing some actions over others. It is thus a purely scalar theory, with no demands that certain actions be performed, and no fundamental classification of actions as right or wrong. However, such notions may have pragmatic benefits at the level of application, since many people find it easier to guide their conduct by simple commands, rather than to think in terms of reasons of varying strength to do one thing rather than another. A contextualist semantics for various terms, such as "right", "wrong", "good", when combined with the scalar approach to consequentialism, allows for the expression of truth-apt propositions with sentences containing such terms.

CONTEMPORARY DEBATES IN MORAL THEORY

John Wiley & Sons *Contemporary Debates in Moral Theory* features pairs of newly commissioned essays by some of the leading theorists working in the field today. Brings together fresh debates on the most controversial issues in moral theory. Questions include: Are moral requirements derived from reason? How demanding is morality? Are virtues the proper starting point for moral theorizing? Lively debate format sharply defines the issues, and paves the way for further discussion. Will serve as an accessible introduction to the major topics in contemporary moral theory, while also capturing the imagination of professional philosophers.

PROBLEMS IN VALUE THEORY

AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY DEBATES

Bloomsbury Publishing *Problems in Value Theory* takes a pro and con approach to central topics in aesthetics, ethics and political theory. Each chapter begins with a question: What Makes Actions Right or Wrong? Does Morality Depend on God? Do We Need Government? Contemporary

philosophers with opposing viewpoints are then paired together to argue their position and raise problems with conflicting standpoints. Alongside an up-to-date introduction to a core philosophical stance, each contributor provides a critical response to their opponent and clear explanation of their view. Discussion questions are included at the end of each chapter to guide further discussion. With chapters ranging from why the government should never wage war to what is art and does morality depend on God, this introduction covers questions lying at the heart of debates about what does and does not have value.

THE ETHICS OF ANIMAL RESEARCH

EXPLORING THE CONTROVERSY

MIT Press A balanced, accessible discussion of whether and on what grounds animal research can be ethically justified. An estimated 100 million nonhuman vertebrates worldwide—including primates, dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, birds, rats, and mice—are bred, captured, or otherwise acquired every year for research purposes. Much of this research is seriously detrimental to the welfare of these animals, causing pain, distress, injury, or death. This book explores the ethical controversies that have arisen over animal research, examining closely the complex scientific, philosophical, moral, and legal issues involved. Defenders of animal research face a twofold challenge: they must make a compelling case for the unique benefits offered by animal research; and they must provide a rationale for why these benefits justify treating animal subjects in ways that would be unacceptable for human subjects. This challenge is at the heart of the book. Some contributors argue that it can be met fairly easily; others argue that it can never be met; still others argue that it can sometimes be met, although not necessarily easily. Their essays consider how moral theory can be brought to bear on the practical ethical questions raised by animal research, examine the new challenges raised by the emerging possibilities of biotechnology, and consider how to achieve a more productive dialogue on this polarizing subject. The book's careful blending of theoretical and practical considerations and its balanced arguments make it valuable for instructors as well as for scholars and practitioners.

RETHINKING PEACEBUILDING

THE QUEST FOR JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE WESTERN BALKANS

Routledge This book presents new theoretical and conceptual perspectives on the problematique of building just and durable peace. Linking peace and justice has sparked lively debates about the dilemmas and trade-offs in several contemporary peace processes. Despite the fact that justice and peace are commonly referred to there is surprisingly little research and

few conceptualizations of the interplay between the two. This edited volume is the result of three years of collaborative research and draws upon insights from such disciplines as peace and conflict, international law, political science and international relations. It contains policy-relevant knowledge about effective peacebuilding strategies, as well as an in-depth analysis of the contemporary peace processes in the Middle East and the Western Balkans. Using a variety of theoretical perspectives and empirical approaches, the work makes an original contribution to the growing literature on peacebuilding. This book will be of much interest to students of peacebuilding, peace and conflict studies, Middle Eastern Politics, European Politics and IR/Security Studies.

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RETHINKING THE WESTERN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SELF

Cambridge University Press In this book, Ulrich Steinworth offers a fresh analysis and critique of rationality as a defining element in Western thinking. Criticizing revelation, tradition, and collectivism, Western thinking champions rationality, human rights, and individualism, and culminates in a unique understanding of the self. The prevailing

understanding of the self was formed by the Lockean conception and utilitarianism. Compatible with classical physics, it does not, however, explain the cataclysms that occurred in the twentieth century. Steinvoth argues that Descartes' understanding of the self offers a more plausible and realistic alternative. When freed from the dualism in which Descartes conceived it, such a conceptualization enables us to distinguish between self and subject. Moreover, it enables us to understand why individualism - one of the hallmarks of modernity in the West - became a universal ideal to be granted to every member of society; how acceptance of this notion could peak in the seventeenth century; and why it is now in decline, though not irreversibly so. Most importantly, as Steinvoth demonstrates, the Cartesian concept of the self presents a way of saving modernity from the dangers that it now encounters.

RETHINKING THE BIBLE

INERRANCY, PREACHING, INSPIRATION, AUTHORITY, FORMATION, ARCHAEOLOGY, POSTMODERNISM, AND MORE

SacraSage Press Rethinking the Bible explains Scripture in ways that make sense and deepen Christian faith. Its essays ask and answer central questions about Scripture, such as... What is the primary function of the Bible? Can the Bible be trusted if it has errors? What does "divine inspiration" mean if humans wrote the Bible? How should preachers use the Bible today? Does the Bible mean now what it meant when written? How has archaeology changed the way we interpret the Bible? Should the Dead Sea Scrolls affect our view of the Bible? What authority does the Bible have matters of science? Is the Bible a container of truth statements or tool for formation? How should we handle contradictions we find in the Bible? Should postmodernism influence how we read the Bible? The standard answers to these questions no longer make sense. Many people today seek a more adequate way to understand what the Bible is and does. Those who ask deep questions about Scripture want plausible answers. This book offers answers to questions about the Bible that make sense in our time.

SELBSTGESTALTUNG DES MENSCHEN DURCH BIOTECHNIKEN

Narr Francke Attempto Verlag Entwicklungen der Lebenswissenschaften versprechen nicht mehr nur Heilerfolge, sondern auch eine Optimierung des Menschen. Stichworte wie "Hirndoping" und "Designer-Babys" verweisen dabei auf Potenziale und Gefahren von Möglichkeiten der Selbstgestaltung durch Biotechniken. Solche neuen Handlungsoptionen fordern unser Normensystem heraus und bedürfen einer bioethischen Reflexion. Der Band zeigt aus interdisziplinärer Perspektive Wege auf, die Herausforderungen insbesondere der Genetik und Neurowissenschaften anzunehmen. Dabei werden sowohl ethische Grundlagen als auch die

gesellschaftlichen Auseinandersetzung mit der Selbstgestaltung des Menschen in den Blick genommen.

RETHINKING SUSTAINABILITY TOWARDS A REGENERATIVE ECONOMY

Springer Nature This open access book is based on work from the COST Action RESTORE - REthinking Sustainability TOwards a Regenerative Economy, and highlights how sustainability in buildings, facilities and urban governance is crucial for a future that is socially just, ecologically restorative, and economically viable, for Europe and the whole planet. In light of the search for fair solutions to the climate crisis, the authors outline the urgency for the built environment sector to implement adaptation and mitigation strategies, as well as a just transition. As shown in the chapters, this can be done by applying a broader framework that enriches places, people, ecology, culture, and climate, at the core of the design task - with a particular emphasis on the benefits towards health and resilient business practices. This book is one step on the way to a paradigm shift towards restorative sustainability for new and existing buildings. The authors want to promote forward thinking and multidisciplinary knowledge, leading to solutions that celebrate the richness of design creativity. In this vision, cities of the future will enhance users' experience, health and wellbeing inside and outside of buildings, while reconciling anthropic ecosystems and nature. A valuable resource for scientists and students in environmental sciences and architecture, as well as policy makers, practitioners and investors in urban and regional development.

RETHINKING CONTEXTS, REREADING TEXTS

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

A&C Black This volume brings together ten essays on the various contexts for texts that social-scientific approaches invoke. These contexts are: the cultural values that inform the writers of texts, the relationship between the text and the reader or community of readers, and the production of texts themselves as social artifacts. In the first, predominantly theoretical, section of the book, John Rogerson applies the perspective of Adorno to the reading of biblical texts; Mark Brett advocates methodological pluralism and deconstructs ethnicity in Genesis; and Gerald West explores the 'graininess' of texts. The second part contains both theory and application: Jonathan Dyck draws a 'map of ideology' for biblical critics and then applies an ideological critical analysis to Ezra 2. M. Daniel Carroll R. reexamines 'popular religion' and uses Amos as a test case; Stanley Porter considers dialect and register in the Greek of the New Testament, then applies it to Mark's Gospel. This is an original as well as wide-ranging exploration of important social-scientific issues and their application to a

range of biblical materials.

RETHINKING KANT

VOLUME 4

Cambridge Scholars Publishing The series Rethinking Kant, now in its fourth volume, has become a mirror of Kantian studies in North America. It gathers papers presented at the various study groups of the North American Kant Society, along with contributions from hosts, session chairs, and keynote speakers. Contributions undergo strenuous peer review, and are, without exception, examples of the most innovative and cutting-edge research done in this area. Anyone interested in taking the pulse of contemporary Kantian scholarship and engaging in the humbling, but rewarding task of rethinking Kant, should consider this collection.

AMERICAN BOOK PUBLISHING RECORD

ROSSIAN ETHICS

W.D. ROSS AND CONTEMPORARY MORAL THEORY

W.D. Ross (1877-1971) was the most important opponent of utilitarianism and consequentialism in British moral philosophy between 1861 and 1939. In *Rossian Ethics*, David Phillips offers the first monograph devoted exclusively to Ross's seminal contribution to moral philosophy. The book has two connected aims. The first is to interpret and evaluate Ross's moral theory, focusing on its three key elements: his introduction of the concept of prima facie duty, his limited pluralism about the right, and his limited pluralism about the good. The metaethical and epistemological framework within which Ross develops his moral theory is the subject of the fifth and final chapter of the book. The second aim is to articulate a distinctive view intermediate between consequentialism and absolutist deontology, which Phillips calls "classical deontology." According to classical deontology the most fundamental normative principles are principles of prima facie duty, principles which specify general kinds of reasons. Consequentialists are right to think that reasons always derive from goods; ideal utilitarians are right, contra hedonistic utilitarians, to think that there are a small number of distinct kinds of intrinsic goods. But consequentialists are wrong to think that all reasons have the same weight for all agents. Instead there are a small number of distinct kinds of agent-relative intensifiers: features that increase the importance of certain goods for certain agents. Phillips claims that classical deontology combines the best elements of the moral theories of Ross and of Sidgwick, ultimately arguing that Ross is best interpreted as a classical deontologist.

REVISITING CHRISTIANITY

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS

Routledge This book presents a view of Christianity and Christian thinking that draws on some key thinkers from Plato to Wittgenstein and represents a thoughtful 'common sense' theology offered as an alternative to the anti-intellectualism of many contemporary Christians and to the distortions of Christianity provided by some of the most vocal critics. Seeking to make accessible some traditional Christian thinking and practices that are rooted in the desire to make the most of life, Felderhof highlights the additional Platonic corollary that unless we have learned to live well, we shall not properly understand, thus presuming the mutual interdependence of theory and practice. Felderhof portrays how Christian theology is to do with making sense of what Christians do and how generally we are best advised to live. This is an invaluable introduction to key themes for students and a wide range of readers.

RETHINKING UNCLE TOM

THE POLITICAL THOUGHT OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Lexington Books Generally critics and interpreters of Uncle Tom have constructed a one-way view of Uncle Tom, albeit offering a few kind words for Uncle Tom along the way. Recovering Uncle Tom requires re-telling his story. This book delivers on that mission, while accomplishing something no other work on Harriet Beecher Stowe has fully attempted: an in-depth statement of her political thought. Heroeuvre, in partnership with that of her husband Calvin, constitutes a demonstration of the permanent necessity of moral and prudential judgment in human affairs. Moreover, it identifies the political conditions that can best guarantee conditions of decency. Her two disciplinesDphilosophy and poetryDilluminate the founding principles of the American republic and remedy defects in their realization that were evident in mid-nineteenth century. While slavery is not the only defect, its persistence and expansion indicate the overall shortcomings. In four of her chief works (Uncle Tom's Cabin,Sunny Memories of Foreign Lands,Dred, andOldtown Folks), Stowe teaches not only how to eliminate the defect of slavery, but also how to realize and maintain a regime founded on the basis of natural rights and Christianity. Further, she identifies the proper vehicle for educating citizens so they might reliably be ruled by decent public opinion. Book one, part one of Rethinking Uncle Tom explains Uncle Tom's Cabin within the context of the Stowes' joint project, an articulation of the conditions of democratic life and the appropriate nature of modern humanism. Book two, parts one and two, analyses how key elements of Calvin's thinking were conveyed by Stowe's works, while distinguishing her thought from his, and examines the importance of her 'political geography' and the breadth of her thinking on cultural, moral, and political matters. Parts three and four investigate the most mature elements of Stowe's political thought, providing a close

reading of *Sunny Memories* revealing the full political purpose of that work, discerned through mastery of its complex symbolism and of *Oldtown Folks*, which completes the development of Stowe's political thought by assessing three alternative regimes and by presenting a vision of a utopia: the ultimate life of decency and order which is proof against false dreams of rationalized life. *Rethinking Uncle Tom* provides readers both better familiarity with the moral discourse of abolition and nineteenth-century reformism, and, more importantly, a glimpse of an America envisioned as producing that nobility of soul that Uncle Tom represented, the human model of surpassing excellence.

RETHINKING THE PROPHETIC CRITIQUE OF WORSHIP IN AMOS 5 FOR CONTEMPORARY NIGERIA AND THE USA

Wipf and Stock Publishers Father Udoekpo's work offers a thorough review of the theology of worship in the work of Amos of Tekoa, one of Israel's foundational prophets. It critically examines Amos 5 in its socio-historical and literary context and theologically reevaluates the application of Amos's message of ethical worship, judgment, and hope to two contemporary cultures: Nigeria and the United States of America. While intentionally down to earth and engaging in society and religion, this work discusses in a thoughtful and detailed exegetical manner the various sub-units of lamentation (vv. 1-3), the motifs of the remnant, the exhortation to the seek the Lord, justice and righteousness (vv. 4-6; 14-15, 24), judgment, and the notion of the Day of the Lord (vv. 18-20) as they relate to the theology of worship (vv. 21-27) in Amos 5. The author pastorally draws the reader's attention to Amos' view that worship must not be restricted to hypocritical offerings, empty rituals, and songs at sanctuaries, but needs to incorporate ethics of justice, peace, and righteousness practiced in marketplaces and plazas.

IN THE BRIGHTNESS OF PLACE

TOPOLOGICAL THINKING WITH AND AFTER HEIDEGGER

State University of New York Press The work of Jeff Malpas is well-known for its contribution to contemporary thinking about place and space. In *In the Brightness of Place* takes that contribution further, as Malpas develops it in new ways and in relation to new topics. At the same time, the volume also develops Malpas' distinctively topological approach to the work of Martin Heidegger. Not limited simply to a reading of the topological in Heidegger, *In the Brightness of Place* also takes up the idea of topology after Heidegger, showing how topological thinking provides a way of rethinking Heidegger's own work and of rethinking our own being in the world.

MEANINGFUL WORK

RETHINKING PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

Oxford University Press As commonly understood, professional ethics consists of shared duties and episodic dilemmas--the responsibilities incumbent on all members of specific professions joined together with the dilemmas that arise when these responsibilities conflict. Martin challenges this "consensus paradigm" as he rethinks professional ethics to include personal commitments and ideals, of which many are not mandatory. Using specific examples from a wide range of professions, including medicine, law, high school teaching, journalism, engineering, and ministry, he explores how personal commitments motivate, guide, and give meaning to work.

POET & PEASANT AND THROUGH PEASANT EYES

A LITERARY-CULTURAL APPROACH TO THE PARABLES IN LUKE

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Uses a thorough understanding of Middle Eastern peasant culture and modern literary criticism to analyze the New Testament parables in Luke

HOUSE OF QUALITY (QFD) IN A MINUTE

Chi Publishers Inc Quality function deployment (QFD) is an effective tool to help organizations become more competitive by designing their products and services to satisfy customers' requirements. The manager is guided on a step-by-step process to attaining this goal. This book is precise and direct and focuses on key issues in building the House of Quality otherwise known as QFD. By reading this book, the manager understands how to solicit customer requirement information, how design requirements are matched to customer requirements, how weights are assigned, how priorities are developed, and how activities can be benchmarked. The manager also understands how to solve the critical problems that help achieve customer satisfaction. This book also guides the reader to understand how companywide quality activities are related to QFD. This link is often lacking in other presentations of QFD that often fail to show the linkage between QFD and other quality initiatives and management programs.

WORKS RIGHTEOUSNESS

MATERIAL PRACTICE IN ETHICAL THEORY

Oxford University Press In Works Righteousness, Anna L. Peterson examines the place of practice in contemporary ethical theory. Peterson argues that rather than assuming that pre-established moral ideas guide action, ethicists should acknowledge and explore the relationship between

ideas, actions, and results. Both an analysis of alternative models in which practice plays a stronger role and an argument for taking practice more seriously in broad questions of ethics as well as in concrete case studies, *Works Righteousness* contends that what we do generates and alters our values, just as often as expressed values motivate or guide the ways we act. Peterson here challenges prevailing philosophical and religious theories that ideas are what truly matter, underlining the value of attention to people's concrete experiences and highlighting the relevance of theoretical insights to contemporary social issues such as climate change, euthanasia, and hate speech. Through examinations of pragmatism, Marxism, and religious pacifism, all of which significantly highlight a practice-focused approach, *Works Righteousness* addresses the way social structures condition moral ideas and actions, the dangers of thinking about moral problems as polarized dilemmas, and the complex mutual shaping of ideas and actions.

ESCHATOLOGY IN GALATIANS

RETHINKING PAUL'S RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN GALATIA

Mohr Siebeck Focusing on Paul's own statement about the Galatian crisis, Yon Kwon demonstrates that the letter is Paul's pastoral engagement with the backsliding Galatians rather than his theological altercation with his opponents, Paul deals with the crisis in Galatia by reminding the Galatians of the implications of their present deviation for their future - the 'not yet' - , instead of affirming the blessings already realized in Christ - the 'already'.

THE EXPOSITOR'S BIBLE: THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

Lulu.com An exposition of the first of the gospels of Jesus Christ that give us the history and meanings behind each of these ancient stories. Matthew is significant as a gospel on its own since it is one of the first of the synoptics and also the first that readers come across in the modern New Testament. To look at the teachings of Jesus properly is important so that others are influence properly.

RETHINKING INCARCERATION

ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE THAT RESTORES

InterVarsity Press The United States has more people locked up in jails, prisons, and detention centers than any other country in the history of the world. Exploring the history and foundations of mass incarceration, Dominique Gilliard examines Christianity's role in its evolution and expansion, assessing justice in light of Scripture, and showing how Christians can pursue justice that restores and reconciles.

POSTNATIONALIST IRELAND

POLITICS, CULTURE, PHILOSOPHY

Routledge The encroachment of globalization and demands for greater regional autonomy have had a profound effect on the way we picture Ireland. This challenging new look at the key of sovereignty asks us how we should think about the identity of a postnationalist' Ireland. Richard Kearney goes to the heart of the conflict over demand for communal identity - traditionally expressed by nationalism, and the demand for a universal model of citizenship - traditionally expressed by republicanism. In so doing, he asks us to question whether the sacrosanct concept of absolute national sovereignty is becoming a luxury ill afforded in the emerging new Europe. Kearney then takes us beyond the political with chapters on the influence of philosophers such as George Berkeley, John Toland and John Tyndall and looks at some of the myths in Irish poetry and nationhood. Postnationalist Ireland provides a recasting of contemporary Irish politics, culture, literature and philosophy and will appeal to students of these subjects and Irish studies in general.

ETHICS FOR A-LEVEL

Open Book Publishers What does pleasure have to do with morality? What role, if any, should intuition have in the formation of moral theory? If something is 'simulated', can it be immoral? This accessible and wide-ranging textbook explores these questions and many more. Key ideas in the fields of normative ethics, metaethics and applied ethics are explained rigorously and systematically, with a vivid writing style that enlivens the topics with energy and wit. Individual theories are discussed in detail in the first part of the book, before these positions are applied to a wide range of contemporary situations including business ethics, sexual ethics, and the acceptability of eating animals. A wealth of real-life examples, set out with depth and care, illuminate the complexities of different ethical approaches while conveying their modern-day relevance. This concise and highly engaging resource is tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies, with a clear and practical layout that includes end-of-chapter summaries, key terms, and common mistakes to avoid. It should also be of practical use for those teaching Philosophy as part of the International Baccalaureate. Ethics for A-Level is of particular value to students and teachers, but Fisher and Dimmock's precise and scholarly approach will appeal to anyone seeking a rigorous and lively introduction to the challenging subject of ethics. Tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies.

THE LIMITS OF BLAME

RETHINKING PUNISHMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

Harvard University Press Faith in the power and righteousness of retribution has taken over the American criminal justice system. Approaching punishment and responsibility from a philosophical perspective, Erin Kelly challenges the moralism behind harsh treatment of criminal offenders and calls into question our society's commitment to mass incarceration.

ADVANCES IN COMPUTATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

13TH INTERNATIONAL WORK-CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS, IWANN 2015, PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN, JUNE 10-12, 2015. PROCEEDINGS, PART II

Springer This two-volume set LNCS 9094 and LNCS 9095 constitutes the thoroughly refereed proceedings of the 13th International Work-Conference on Artificial Neural Networks, IWANN 2015, held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in June 2013. The 99 revised full papers presented together with 1 invited talk were carefully reviewed and selected from 195 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on brain-computer interfaces: applications and tele-services; multi-robot systems: applications and theory (MRSAT); video and image processing; transfer learning; structures, algorithms and methods in artificial intelligence; interactive and cognitive environments; mathematical and theoretical methods in fuzzy systems; pattern recognition; embedded intelligent systems; expert systems; advances in computational intelligence; and applications of computational intelligence.

THE SPLENDOR OF TRUTH

USCCB Publishing Pope John Paul II proclaims a sense of urgency in challenging moral darkness with the light of truth.

DYSTOPIA

A NATURAL HISTORY

Oxford University Press Dystopia: A Natural History is the first monograph devoted to the concept of dystopia. Taking the term to encompass both a literary tradition of satirical works, mostly on totalitarianism, as well as real despotisms and societies in a state of disastrous collapse, this volume redefines the central concepts and the chronology of the genre and offers a paradigm-shifting understanding of the subject. Part One assesses the theory and prehistory of 'dystopia'. By contrast to utopia, conceived as promoting an ideal of friendship defined as 'enhanced sociability', dystopia is defined by estrangement, fear, and the proliferation of 'enemy' categories. A 'natural history' of dystopia thus concentrates upon the centrality of the passion or emotion of fear and hatred in modern

despotisms. The work of Le Bon, Freud, and others is used to show how dystopian groups use such emotions. Utopia and dystopia are portrayed not as opposites, but as extremes on a spectrum of sociability, defined by a heightened form of group identity. The prehistory of the process whereby 'enemies' are demonised is explored from early conceptions of monstrosity through Christian conceptions of the devil and witchcraft, and the persecution of heresy. Part Two surveys the major dystopian moments in twentieth century despotisms, focussing in particular upon Nazi Germany, Stalinism, the Chinese Cultural Revolution, and Cambodia under Pol Pot. The concentration here is upon the political religion hypothesis as a key explanation for the chief excesses of communism in particular. Part Three examines literary dystopias. It commences well before the usual starting-point in the secondary literature, in anti-Jacobin writings of the 1790s. Two chapters address the main twentieth-century texts usually studied as representative of the genre, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* and George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. The remainder of the section examines the evolution of the genre in the second half of the twentieth century down to the present.

JUSTIFICATION RECONSIDERED

RETHINKING A PAULINE THEME

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Much has been written of late about what the apostle Paul really meant when he spoke of justification by faith, not the works of the law. This short study by Stephen Westerholm carefully examines proposals on the subject by Krister Stendahl, E. P. Sanders, Heikki Raisanen, N. T. Wright, James D. G. Dunn, and Douglas A. Campbell. In doing so, Westerholm notes weaknesses in traditional understandings that have provoked the more recent proposals, but he also points out areas in which the latter fail to do justice to the apostle. Readers of this book will gain not only a better grasp of the ongoing theological debate about justification but also a more nuanced overall understanding of Paul.

APOSTLE OF PERSUASION

THEOLOGY AND RHETORIC IN THE PAULINE LETTERS

Baker Academic This book is the culmination of a career of researching and teaching Paul's letters. Highly respected senior New Testament scholar James Thompson offers a unique approach to Pauline theology, focusing on Paul's attempts to persuade his audience toward moral formation. Thompson recognizes Paul as a pastor who brought together theology and rhetoric to encourage spiritual formation in his communities. Attempts to find total consistency in Paul's writings fail, says Thompson, because Paul's persuasive tactics changed depending on the situation he was addressing.

A THEOLOGY OF JUSTICE IN EXODUS

Penn State Press This book traces the theme of justice throughout the narrative of Exodus in order to explicate how yhwh's reclamation of Israel for service-worship reveals a distinct theological ethic of justice grounded in yhwh's character and Israel's calling within yhwh's creational agenda. Adopting a synchronic, text-immanent interpretive strategy that focuses on canonical and inner-biblical connections, Nathan Bills identifies two overlapping motifs that illuminate the theme of justice in Exodus. First, Bills considers the importance of Israel's creation traditions for grounding Exodus's theology of justice. Reading Exodus against the backdrop of creation theology and as a continuation of the plot of Genesis, Bills shows that the ethical disposition of justice imprinted on Israel in Exodus is an application of yhwh's creational agenda of justice. Second, Bills identifies an educational agenda woven throughout the text. The narrative gives heightened attention to the way yhwh catechizes Israel in what it means to be the particular beneficiary and creational emissary of yhwh's justice. These interpretative lenses of creation theology and pedagogy help to explain why Israel's salvation and shaping embody a programmatic applicability of yhwh's justice for the wider world. This volume will be of substantial interest to divinity students and religious professionals interested in the themes of exodus, exile, and return.

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UNLEASHING GOD'S TRUTH ONE VERSE AT A TIME

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Springer This book describes the fundamental building-block of many new computer vision systems: dense and robust correspondence estimation. Dense correspondence estimation techniques are now successfully being used to solve a wide range of computer vision problems, very different from the traditional applications such techniques were originally developed to solve. This book introduces the techniques used for establishing correspondences between challenging image pairs, the novel features used to make these techniques robust, and the many problems dense correspondences are now being used to solve. The book provides information to anyone attempting to utilize dense correspondences in order to solve new or existing computer vision problems. The editors describe how to solve many computer vision problems by using dense correspondence estimation. Finally, it surveys resources, code and data, necessary for expediting the development of effective correspondence-based computer vision systems.

FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS TO FAR RIGHT

AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL RETHINKING OF CRITICAL SECURITY STUDIES

McGill-Queen's Press - MQUP In the wake of Europe's so-called refugee crisis in 2015 and 2016, even traditionally open countries such as Sweden and Germany adopted hostile policies on refugees, closing borders and linking refugees with terrorism and threats to national security. Once deemed taboo, uncharitable conduct towards those in need has become increasingly acceptable, and even desirable, throughout the Western world. *From Righteousness to Far Right* follows nineteen months of ethnographic fieldwork with a grassroots NGO in a small Swedish village, where over one hundred refugees were housed. Through an embedded,

anthropological study of day-to-day life in refugee resettlement, Emma Mc Cluskey examines how increasingly antagonistic and xenophobic policies concerning refugees gained legitimacy. Arguing that existing approaches to critical security studies inadequately address the textured, contradictory, and often resistant practices of everyday life within societies, Mc Cluskey re-gears securitization theory along anthropological lines and shifts the focus of the investigation onto the quotidian realm, where much of the controversy over migration and security plays out. A provocative and original political statement on today's increasingly conservative society, *From Righteousness to Far Right* presents an astounding new perspective on the recent refugee crises and the acceptance and normalization of far-right and securitarian politics.

SPEECH AND RESPONSE

A RHETORICAL ANALYSIS OF THE INTRODUCTIONS TO THE SPEECHES OF THE BOOK OF JOB (CHAPS. 4-24)

Catholic Biblical Assn of Amer This book in a careful examination of the introductions to the speeches in the Book of Job (chapters 4-24) based on rhetorical criticism. The primary interest of this work is in "inter-unit words" which connect various texts in the Book of Job in such a way that they form the basis of a response. The argument of this study (in distinction to a fairly widespread scholarly consensus to the contrary) is that the speeches do in some way respond to one another. Passages of interest are delimited; the form and structure of the passages are discussed; the rhetorical analysis for each passage will include evidence of a response to the arguments uttered by one or more of the opponents and an overview if given from the perspective as a response to previous texts.