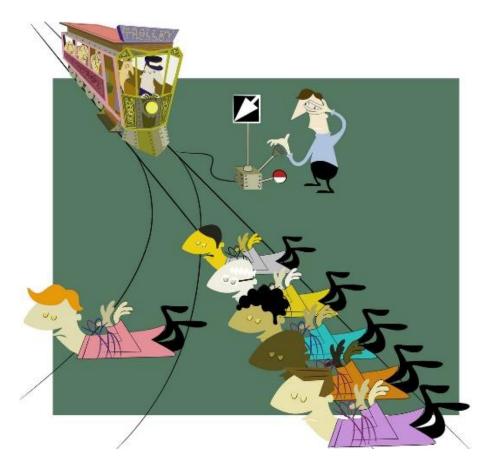
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Acts and Omissions: Taking Stock and Future Directions

One-day Workshop in Philosophy



The morality we live by tends to put greater significance on acting rather than omitting to act. Killing ten people in a developing country, for example, is thought to be much worse than failing to donate to a development charity, with the result that ten people die who would not otherwise have done. And often active euthanasia is thought much more problematic than passive. But why should we treat acts and omissions differently, if their results are the same?

The acts and omissions distinction received a great deal of philosophical attention in the 1970s and 80s, but since that time the amount of literature on the topic has decreased. On the face of it, since no consensus has been reached, this seems odd, given the huge significance of the distinction. The aim of this workshop is to take stock of where current thinking on the distinction has reached, and to seek possible future directions for research.

Location

Room 420.2.21 Australian Catholic University Melbourne

Level 2 Mary Glowery Building, 115 Victoria Parade Melbourne

Date

Saturday 22 September 10.00am – 5.15pm

The workshop is free to attend

Featuring talks by:

- Roger Crisp (ACU / Oxford)
- Stephanie Collins (ACU)
- Seth Lazar (ANU)
- Justin Oakley (Monash)
- Holly Lawford-Smith (University of Melbourne)

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