

Moral Duties to Past-Selves

(public lecture)

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Description:

This lecture explores the implications of two widely accepted beliefs: (i) we have moral duties towards persons who are no longer present, and (ii) we have moral duties towards ourselves. Specifically, our inquiry centers on moral duties towards our past-selves. We begin by addressing various objections challenging the viability of such duties and subsequently present two arguments supporting their plausibility. These arguments draw from hypothetical time-travel scenarios and the arbitrary exclusion of past-selves from the moral framework. In conclusion, we argue that recognizing moral duties to our past-selves is paradoxically crucial for combating moral egocentrism in its temporal dimension.

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Lecture will be given in English.