

From the Book Review Editor

I am happy to introduce a new section in *De Ethica* – the book review section. The idea for this section was proposed and thoroughly discussed by the current members of the Editorial Team, and we are now delighted to present the first issue of *De Ethica* featuring four book reviews. As the journal continues to develop, regularly publishing both ordinary and special issues, we have also observed a growing interest in book reviews. So why include them? We believe that engaging in the academic tradition of reading and critically commenting on each other's work is a practice worth preserving. Book reviews offer *De Ethica* readers the opportunity to stay informed about recent works in philosophical, theological, and applied ethics, while also fostering dialogue with authors across national, political, and religious boundaries.

The book reviews included in this issue address a range of subjects and ethical questions. Marko Draganov Vučković, in his extended review of Leigh Patel's *Decolonizing Educational Research: From Ownership to Answerability*, identifies Patel's approach to decolonizing education as a "Decolonial Deleuzian" ontology, which envisions reality as a networked "one-and-many" relationship. Vučković, however, critiques this framework for unintentionally risking the reproduction of the very exclusivity it seeks to overcome.

In his review of Wilk and Gimbel's book *In on the Joke: The Ethics of Humor and Comedy*, Chris A. Kramer explores the moral implications of humor. He argues that jokes and humor demand ethical analysis, as they introduce additional layers of power dynamics, while highlighting the importance of identity and context in the communicative act.

Vaishali Singh reviews Myisha Cherry's *Failures of Forgiveness: What We Get Wrong and How to Do Better*, a work that resonates closely with the theme of the present Special Issue on the Ethics of Reconciliation. Singh presents and critically examines a conception of forgiveness that moves beyond a narrow, demanding view, offering instead an understanding of forgiveness as elective rather than obligatory for victims.

Finally, my own contribution – a review of Cheyney Ryan's *Pacifism as War Abolitionism*, examines pacifism with a particular focus on the war system and how it should be abolished. Ryan explores the origins of war and its relationship to the notions of state, empire, and nation in a novel manner and simultaneously relates to a rich tradition of pacifist thought.

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