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## ***De Ethica Special Issue: "The Foundations of Equal Moral Standing" - Publication 2022***

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The editors of *De Ethica* are pleased to announce a special issue on *The Foundation of Equal Moral Standing*.

Ideas about the equal moral standing of each and every human being are prevalent in contemporary philosophical and theological ethics. The discussion oftentimes concerns what, given different contexts and areas of application, treating oneself and others as an equal means. There are numerous theories that explicate the moral and political implications of moral equality differently. They articulate ideas about the rightness of counting each and everyone's preferences equally, about human rights, and about social justice, local, national as well as global. These normative theories tend to take the validity of our equal moral standing for granted, or as part of an answer to the question "Why be moral?" However, there is also a vigorous ongoing debate about what kinds of reasons that can be provided for thinking that human beings, every one of us, are entitled to equal concern and respect, "have equal worth," or are ends in themselves.

This issue of the *De Ethica* seeks wide-ranging perspectives on the problem of grounding or justifying claims about moral equality. The philosophical and theological literature offer several competing accounts. Some explicitly theistic and some non-religious or explicitly secular. There are also interesting differences between constructivist, moral realist, and naturalistic modes of arguing, Cf. e.g. Korsgaard, Forst, (J.) Hare, Waldron and Hursthouse. There is no consensus on which account is to be preferred, if any. It can be asked whether any account is successful? If so in virtue of what? Perhaps better alternatives can be formulated? What would a successful one look like? Can it be defended against charges of speciesism, current accounts of ethical contextualism, and conceptions of morally graded beings that are affirmed in contemporary (reborn) nationalistic politics?

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