

PHIL 3306

Ethics and Society

Tues/Thurs 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Class Number: 18183 Section TR9F

Prof. Vitrano

This course will focus on critically evaluating the morality of important social issues such as abortion, euthanasia, world hunger, terrorism, torture, capital punishment, animal rights, and affirmative action. We begin with a discussion of three classic moral theories: Kantian deontology, Mill's utilitarianism, and Aristotle's virtue theory. We then use these principles and other moral considerations to evaluate the social issues, with each issue featuring at least two readings that present opposing viewpoints. There will be a lot of class discussion, and students will work periodically in small groups to debate these issues.

If you have any questions about this course or you would like to know more about it, feel free to email at cvitrano@brooklyn.cuny.edu or stop by my office (3315 Boylan) during office hours on Tues/Thurs, 12:15 – 2:15.