

Utilitarianism

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Literature

- Bykvist, Krister. 2010. *Utilitarianism: A Guide for the Perplexed*. London; New York: Continuum International Publishing Group
- Other texts will be available at Studentportalen

The course provides a broad introduction to utilitarian moral theories. You will learn about criteria for evaluating moral theories, different versions of utilitarianism, and evidence for and against these versions. Topics discussed include theories of well-being, debunking arguments, and the reliability of thought experiments. In two seminars, we discuss the application of utilitarianism to issues in applied ethics, including how to treat animals, what to do about human poverty, considerations of existential risks, and moral career choices.