Birmingham’s CSGE
CSGE

- Founded 2001
- Endowment Ferguson Trust
- 2006 moved to philosophy dept
- Poverty part of a cluster of global ethics concerns and/or a cross cutting concern of a whole cluster

Impact
1. Funded projects
2. Promotion of Global Ethics
3. Teaching
Funded projects

- 2002 – 2005 **NEWR** (Network of European Women’s Rights) EC-funded
- 2004 – 2007 **PropEur** (Property Regulation in European Science, Ethics and Law) EC-funded
- 2006 – 2010 **Ethics and the War on Terror** ESRC-funded seminar series
- 2008 – 2011 **DETECTOR** (on the ethics of counter terrorism) ERC
- 2009 – 2011 **Microfinancing: a gap in the moral and political philosophy of poverty** AHRC
Outputs from funded projects

- *Women's Social Rights and Entitlements* Ed. by A. Guichon, C. van den Anker and I. Novikova, Palgrave, 2006
- *Trafficking and Women's Rights* Ed. by C. van den Anker and J. Doomernik Palgrave, 2006
- ‘Ethics and the War on Terror’ in *Globalizations*. Ed. G. Youngs and H. Widdows 2009, 6, 1.
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Further Information
MSc Global Ethics

This flexible programme offers a range of modules in the field of ethics, in addition to the opportunity to participate in a research seminar or undertake a placement with an NGO or the equivalent. The programme is designed to accommodate those wishing to study part-time around other commitments. It is equally suitable for recent graduates or post-experience students, for those wishing to go on to further research in one or more of the topics, or for those with a personal interest in the field of global ethics.

Course fact file

Type of Course: Taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: 12 months full-time (including the summer months devoted to the writing of the dissertation); up to 4 years part-time

Start date: September 2014
Herjeet Marway

My PhD considers moral responsibility within the context of extreme political conflict. More specifically, it addresses the phenomena of female perpetrators of violence, notably suicide bombers and war criminals, and examines their culpability through understandings of gender theory, agency, and autonomy.

It dispels misconceptions of gender roles, challenging common stereotypes relating to 'peaceful woman', and argues that mainstream accounts of agency and autonomy, premised on justice-based moral theories, are overly-reductive, abstract, and individual, which collectively serve to deny women proper agency and responsibility.

In my thesis, I aim to redress some of these issues by drawing on the Ethics of Care, a virtue and feminist based moral theory, to propose a more nuanced, relational model of agent, constrained choice, and autonomy. By offering a different construction of these concepts, I hope to suggest a more appropriate way of allotting responsibility to politically violent woman, even in extreme situations.

It was both through my Masters dissertation in Global Ethics, which explored ideas of truth in relation to suicide bombers, and an option in my legal studies, which examined the notion of responsibility during the numerous atrocities of the twentieth century, that sparked my interest in this field. I have also been most drawn to the virtue ethics moral theory, rather than deontological or utilitarian approaches, to understanding moral questions. In this thesis, I hope to develop these interests further.

I chose to study at the Centre because of my experience here as a Masters student. I found the multidisciplinary nature of the course, as well as the emphasis on integrating theoretical and practical issues, most suited to my own background and interests.
Expert Conference on the Revision of the Declaration of Helsinki - Tokyo, 28 February-1 March 2013

28 February - 1 March 2013
Imperial Hotel Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Agenda (final)

To download the presentations please click on the speakers’ names:

Day 1 Thursday, 28 February 2013

2:00   Welcome address
Yoshitake Yokokura, President of the Japan Medical Association (JMA)
Fumimaro Takaku, President of the Japanese Association of Medical Sciences
Cecil Wilson, President of the World Medical Association (WMA)

2:15   Welcome remarks
Nonhisa Tamura, Minister, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Japan

2:20   Opening remarks
New appointments

This expansion is quality driven and the aim is for Birmingham to build on its international reputation to become one of the foremost Philosophy departments in the UK for research, graduate supervision and undergraduate teaching. In order to achieve our goal, we are appointing and recruiting a significant number of new staff. New permanent members of staff already appointed are Professor Ian Rumfitt, Professor Scott Sturgeon, Dr Maja Spener, and Dr Alex Silk. In addition, we are actively recruiting additional permanent staff.

Birmingham Fellows

Through the whole University wide competition, we have also been able to appoint recently a number of Birmingham Fellows. Last year, we appointed Dr Alastair Wilson (previously at Oxford and Monash). This year, we have appointed three new Birmingham Fellows. These are Dr Justin Clarke-Doane (previously at Monash and NYU; working on a priori knowledge in mathematics, logic, modality, and ethics), Dr Nicholas Jones (previously at Merton College, Oxford and King's College, London; working on metaphysics, logic and philosophy of language), and Dr Jeremy Williams (previously a Leverhulme fellow here at Birmingham; working on moral and political philosophy).

Distinguished Research Professors

Most excitingly Birmingham has appointed five ‘Distinguished Research Professors’ from amongst the best philosophers in the world. The new appointments will be Hartry Field (NYU), Kit Fine (NYU), Stephen Neale (CUNY), Susanna Siegel (Harvard), and Ralph Wedgwood (Southern California). These appointments will join Birmingham in early Summer 2013. These appointments will be for three years with the expectation of renewal.

All the Distinguished Research Professors will be fully involved in the life of the Birmingham Department for at least four weeks each year. They will present and discuss research and will be available for doctoral co-supervision (in conjunction with permanent
Saving Humans: Risk, Intervention, Survival

Theme Leaders: Professor Heather Widdows, Professor Paul Jackson and Professor Nick Wheeler

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Final thoughts about impact

☐ Focusing & using our publications
☐ Teaching – types of students & teaching
☐ Public & outreach events
☐ Building long-term sustainable relationships
☐ Playing to our strengths….

Thank you!