

PHIL3330: Topics in Ethics

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Class Times: Wednesdays at 3.30–6.30 pm.

Readings: We will read in full a major recent contribution to moral and political philosophy: Niko Kolodny's *The Pecking Order*. It aims to provide a systematic defense of a form of egalitarian political thought according to which a wide-range of commitments (from supporting democracy and the rule of law to opposing paternalism and discrimination) are best explained by opposition to relations of inferiority rather than by principles of libertarian freedom or liberal fairness.

Assessments: The main assessments will be two long essays, but you will be graded on your in-class participation and one class presentation.