

contextualize and guide one's actions in the world at large.

How is metaphysics related to my field of study? How is it related to my future research or career? Metaphysics is relevant to virtually every domain of human inquiry. This includes the liberal arts, the sciences, and business. The enterprise of metaphysics aims to articulate a *science of wisdom* that ties together the foundations of the various domains and paths of scientific and other human inquiry. In the words of

Erwin Schrödinger, the famous scientist:

The isolated knowledge obtained by a group of specialists in a narrow field has in itself no value whatsoever, but only in its synthesis with all the rest of knowledge and only inasmuch as it really contributes in this synthesis toward answering the demand: Who are we?

This seminar will work primarily, but not exclusively, within the Western tradition of metaphysical investigation that begins with Heraclitus, Plato, and Aristotle, and which reaches its pinnacle in the systems of Hegel and Whitehead. Consideration will also be given to some global traditions of metaphysics (e.g., Chinese and Islamic).

Metaphysics 535 has no prerequisites and is open to all CSU Graduate students. No previous familiarity with philosophy is assumed. It is also open to advanced or senior undergraduates – with permission of the instructor.

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Seminar in Animal Rights
T, 3:30p – 6:00p, Eddy 120

It was not until the second half of the 20th century that society began to concern itself with the treatment and moral status of animals. The first animal ethics books were written in the 1970s By Peter Singer and Bernard Rollin, and since then the literature has increased exponentially. In this class, we develop a theory of animal ethics that follows from what we believe of human ethics. We then apply the theory to the major use of animals in society, including animal agriculture, animal research and testing, animals in entertainment, and use of animals as companions. In the course of our discussion we examine numerous basic issues such as what animal mind is and how we can know it; the significance of death to animals; and animal ethics in contrast with environmental ethics.