

Sidgwick's Ethics
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Wednesdays 11:30am – 2:30pm

Henry Sidgwick's (1838-1900) *The Methods of Ethics* is considered to be one of the most important books in history of moral philosophy. However, its main theses are not widely known. Accordingly, this course is devoted to a detailed examination of its main doctrines and arguments. In discussing these, we will focus in particular on Sidgwick's framing of the problems of ethics to which he devoted his attention and to the philosophical strategies that he utilizes to contend with them. The first class will be devoted to a discussion of Sidgwick's life.