



Human Nature

An understanding of human nature has been central to the work of some of the greatest philosophical thinkers including Aristotle, Hobbes, Descartes, Hume, Rousseau, Freud, and Marx. Questions such as ‘what is human nature?’, ‘is there such a thing as an exclusively human nature?’, ‘through what methods might we best discover more about our nature?’, and ‘to what extent are our actions and beliefs constrained by it?’ are of central importance not only to philosophy, but to our general understanding of ourselves as part of the human species. These and other issues are covered in this collection of 12 new essays by scholars working across a multitude of areas including the philosophy of cognitive science, evolutionary psychology, the philosophy of biology, moral philosophy, psychoanalysis, developmental psychology, philosophy of mind and action, and the history of ideas.

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