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Capabilities, Power, and Institutions

Toward a More Critical Development

Ethics

Edited by Stephen L. Esquivith and Fred Gifford

Amartya Sen’s Development as Freedom (1999) and Martha Nussbaum’s Women and Human Development (2000) together signaled the emergence of a powerful new paradigm that is commonly known as the “capabilities approaches” to development ethics. Key to this approach is the recognition that citizens must have basic “capabilities” provided most crucially through health care and education if they are to function effectively as agents of economic development. Capabilities can be measured in terms of skills and abilities, opportunities and control over resources, and even moral virtues like the virtue of care and concern for others. The essays in this collection extend, criticize, and reformulate the capabilities approach to better understand the importance of power, especially institutional power. In addition to the editors, the contributors are Sabina Alkire, David Barkin, Nigel Dower, Shelley Feldman, Des Gapper, Daniel Little, Assunta Lena St. Clair, A. Allan Schmid, Paul R. Thompson, and Thanh-Dam Truong.

Empathy and Democracy

Feeling, Thinking, and Deliberation

Michael E. Morrell

“Empathy and Democracy demonstrates the importance of empathy in the deliberative practices that make democratic government legitimate. Deftly interweaving empirical research on the role of empathy in deliberation with a normative theory of democratic theory, Michael Morrell delivers a thoroughly researched, carefully argued book that makes important contributions to the field of political theory as well as to empirical political science.” —Sharon R. Krause, Brown University

Empathy and Democracy challenges those who would exclude empathy from democracy—and even those who would include it as a ‘feeling.’ Brining empirical studies and a highly developed understanding of empathy as a ‘process’ to bear on the theory of deliberative democracy, Michael Morrell moves beyond critique to offer a positive theory of how affect and reason combine in deliberation. This book is a significant contribution to democratic theory that will be useful not only to political theorists but also to anyone with an interest in deliberative democracy and empathy.” —Cheryl Hall, University of South Florida

Challenges of Ordinary Democracy

A Case Study in Deliberation and Dissent

Karen Tracy

“When we lament the current state of political discourse, we almost always have in mind Washington, D.C., where party platforms, platitudes, and posturing too often substitute for genuine, meaningful debate. In this valuable book, Karen Tracy reminds us that ‘ordinary democracy’ happens in some fifteen thousand school boards around the country. In these local institutions and others like them, verbal and written exchanges among board members, union officials, parents, the media, and the interested citizenry substantially bear upon the kinds of education that children ultimately receive.” —William Howell, Sydney Stein Professor in American Politics, University of Chicago

“This finely observed account of a highly controversial three years in the Boulder Valley (Colorado) School District is a great resource for anyone who wants to understand the forms of democracy in which citizens themselves have a say. These feisty, conflictual moments, sometimes sparked by a newspaper intent on provoking controversy, pose significant challenges for practitioners of local democracy and scholars of deliberation. The method is worthy of emulation and the theory original and provocative.” —Jane Manchbridge, Adams Professor of Political Leadership and Democratic Values, Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Kennedy School, Harvard University

“The phrase ‘ordinary democracy’ will forever be remembered because of this scholarly and painstakingly researched case study of the Boulder Valley School District. Using the board meeting minutes, interviews, transcripts, and cable and local news media as her ‘text,’ Tracy analyzes how local democracy and democratic values are used for good and ill. The role of communication, in all of its forms, both contributes to and undermines the ordinary democracy being played out by the quintessentially American enterprise—the local board of education. One comes away being forever grateful that democracy still does exist in communities across the country because of local school board governance.” —Anne L. Bryant, Executive Director, National School Boards Association

Five Chapters on Rhetoric

Character, Action, Things, Nothing, and Art

Michael S. Kochin

“It is possible to say something new about one of the oldest topics of political philosophy, the question of rhetoric? Michael Kochin’s penetrating book proves that it is. He does so by taking seriously a whole range of sources on political speech, communication, and persuasion, from Aristotle and Demosthenes to social science on the nature of public opinion to Bruno Latour’s sociology of knowledge, and by reflecting on the topic in unusual depth. His book is original and it has a provocative simplicity.” —Bryan Garsten, Iyyun:

The Jerusalem Philosophical Quarterly

“Political theory and rhetoric are close cousins, even if neither particularly wants to admit its own paternity. Political theorists ought then to pay close attention to Kochin’s new book. Students of rhetoric will also find themselves enlightened in ways they may not expect. Kochin’s effort is of signal importance for teaching us how to keep the descendants of philosophy sitting down to, if not the same dinner, at least one from the same kitchen.” —Stephen L. Elkin, University of Maryland
Given the racial complexity of the United States... is that the most influential white philosophers have not addressed the issue of race, its social construction and myth, and the problems it raises on a daily basis? To answer this question, Roy Martinez, the editor of this volume, solicited contributions from eight of the most significant American philosophers working in the Continental and American pragmatist philosophical traditions. But there is no one answer: each contributor has a distinctive perspective on the problem and provides an answer reflecting that perspective. Some approach the question in a personal manner by reflecting on how race has affected their own lives. Others resort to metaphysics as well as the social sciences—a relative lack of attention to issues of race. Together they shed light on an anomaly that distinguishes philosophy from the other humanities—a relative lack of attention to race compared with class and gender—and thus help us understand how the mental frameworks within which scholars operate can lead to differences in the subjects they take an interest in analyzing.

“John Rodden is turning into the Stads Terkel of the GDR, a patient interlocutor who gets people talking and asks the probing question when it is needed. As time goes on, and both lives and memories fade, this kind of oral history record becomes increasingly valuable.”

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Germany underwent two periods of dictatorial repression in the twentieth century, first under Hitler and the Nazis in the late 1930s and early 1940s, and then under the communist German Democratic Republic from 1945 until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989. The abuses of human rights under the Nazis are well known and now abundantly documented. The abuses that occurred during the period of the GDR, however, are not so well known and are poorly documented.

Through his interviews with survivors of GDR repression, John Rodden seeks to add to the history of this dark period. He reveals the many different kinds of oral history record becomes increasingly valuable. As time goes on, and both lives and memories fade, this kind of oral history record becomes increasingly valuable. —Randall Bytwerk, Calvin College

It seems paradoxical that in the West the predominant mode of expressing concern about suffering in the Third World comes through participation in various forms of popular culture—such as buying tickets to a rock concert like Live Aid in 1985—rather than through political action based on expert knowledge. Keith Tester’s aim in this book is to explore the phenomenon of what he calls “commonsense humanitarianism,” the reasons for its hegemony as the principal way for people in the West to relate to distant suffering, and its ramifications for our moral and social lives. As a remnant of the West’s past imperial legacy, this phenomenon is most clearly manifested in humanitarian activities directed at Africa, and that continent is the geographical focus of this critical sociology of humanitarianism, which places the role of the media at the center of its analysis.

Human Rights Abuse Dialectics, Dogmas, and Dissent

Stories from East German Victims of Human Rights Abuse

Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann

Rhoda Howard-Hassmann presents a balanced account of the negative and positive features of globalization in relation to human rights, in both their economic and civil/political dimensions.

Human Rights and Memory

Daniel Levy and Natan Sznaider

“In this inspirational text about the impact of human rights principles and normative cosmopolitanism on both the nation-state and international relations, Levy and Sznaider address the dominant moral problems of our time. Why should I care? Who is my brother? What should I remember? Through a defense of cosmopolitan ethics, they provide convincing answers to the perplexities of rights from Hannah Arendt onwards, namely, the specific rights of citizens versus the universal Rights of Man. Human rights matter because modern states can no longer abuse their own citizens with impunity in the name of national unity. Given the slide toward authoritarianism and state security, the task of defending both cosmopolitanism and human rights has a definite political urgency to which Human Rights and Memory offers a decisive response.”

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The Rhetoric and Politics of Beginning Again

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—James E. Young, University of Massachusetts Amherst
**Eros in Plato, Rousseau, and Nietzsche**
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“This is an excellent book—clear, lively, and interesting from beginning to end—and quite original in what it so persuasively shows: the deep agreement in these three philosophers’ understanding of the human soul.” —Leon H. Craig, University of Alberta

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**Silence and Democracy**
Athenian Politics in Thucydides’ History
John G. Zumbrunnen

“In Silence and Democracy, John G. Zumbrunnen moves beyond the traditional approaches to silence in political studies. ... Zumbrunnen’s contribution would be appreciated by democratic theorists, as well as by scholars of ancient political thought. His reading of silence as presence challenges the hegemony of perspectives that have rendered silence absent from politics and political theory, and his rereading of Thucydides provides fresh insight into democratic politics in ancient Greece.” —Vincent Jungkunz, Perspectives on Political Science

“John Zumbrunnen’s book offers an innovative and provocative analysis of silence in Thucydides’ History. ... It invites further scholarly and policymakers’ engagement. More than that, his argument from silence challenges virtually all the prevalent interpretations of Thucydides while incorporating a self-critical voice that anticipates what his critics might say about such an approach. The presence of this voice not only gives a richness to Zumbrunnen’s reading of Thucydides, but it is itself ‘Thucydidean in the sense of imitating the Historian’s ‘method’ as that emerged in the architecture of the History.” —Peter Euben, Duke University

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