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Moral Cosmopolitanism and Everyday Life

by Robin Vandevoordt, post-doctoral research fellow, CeMIS and QaSuS.

Every day again our screens are flooded with stories urging us to care, speak or act upon the problems of people from around the globe. The simple amount of moral claims reaching us on a daily basis, however, makes it impossible to respond to each of those claims as we would in real life. At the heart of our contemporary moral condition therefore lies the burning question of how we deal with these distant others' and the moral appeals they express towards us. Under which conditions do individuals and groups, that are physically and socially distant from each other, engage in moral relations? How do they make sense of these encounters and respond to them through affects, discourses and actions? Robin Vandevoordt explores these questions by examining the (non-)emergence of moral relations between Belgian citizens and Syrian refugees.

**Caring from a Distance: Relational Intelligence for Spiritual Care amid Religious Plurality**

by Kathleen Greider, Professor of Practical Theology, Spiritual Care, and Counseling, Claremont School of Theology.

Caring can happen from a distance. In this case, the distance created by our differences with respect to religion, theology, and spirituality. Discussions about care are often based on assumptions that it is our similarities, closeness and agreements that make caring connection possible. This lecture acknowledges the value of our similarities for care and the necessity to seek similarities when striving for connection. At the same time, the reality of religious differences (like other forms of cultural particularity) requires that we move into other terrain. Differences related to religion frequently create gaps between us that arguably are not bridgeable, and yet the value of care remains. The lecture explores how caring connection can and does happen even when it cannot be founded on our likeness with one another.

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