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**ABSTRACT**

**Ethics – Moral Philosophy**

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*Ethics – Moral Philosophy*, originally a set of 1981 course notes, consists of four chapters, two appendixes and a bibliography. The sources in Turkish, which can be used as a reference, are listed thematically in the bibliography.

Doğan Özlem initially deals with the concept of morality and then focuses on the distinction between ethics and morality and other fundamental concepts. She discusses the foundation types in ethics, considering fundamental ethical problems to be the “ultimate good”, the “right action” and “freedom of will”. She discusses various types of ethics under the headings “Hedonist-creative ethics”, “Categorical imperatives”, “Thematic values ethics”, “Deterministic ethics” and “Existentialist freedom ethics”.

In “Critical ethics”, Özlem focuses on critical approaches to the theories of ethics and discusses the knowledge and function of philosophical ethics. She also evaluates the feasibility of individual and philosophical ethics.

Özlem describes ideas about ethics introduced in the past fifty years and evaluates understandings of ethics in our current age. She considers ethics a basic domain in philosophy, and supposes that the themes and problems of these domains are always up-to-date.

Özlem’s approach is introductory and inquisitive, but she also discusses phenomena and problems with a critical attitude, expressing her own opinions and understandings. This work is significant, as Özlem makes a distinction between the concepts of ethics and morality and defines them as a result of her observations.

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