

Taking care in Times of Social and Moral Upheaval

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Description:

“Taking care” is an expression that could refer to the most varied situations of social life: “taking care” of one’s loved ones, “taking care” of oneself, “taking care” of the environment in which we live, “taking care” of life itself and every nuance, as well as “taking care” of those you meet along the way.

According to Heidegger, “care” is the fundamental ontological structure that indicates the original openness of “Dasein”. Care demands a responsibility, which Levinas identifies as “irrecusable”, and which involves conceiving the “other” in his/her “transcendence” since there is intrinsic value in him/her.

After all, ethics is about feeling the feelings of the other, as Edith Stein states, which does not involve looking away from the world. Taking care certainly requires a moral responsibility, both individual and social, the content of which can concern different ways of thinking, such as critical thinking. The emergency scenarios and the frenetic social changes that are before us put a strain on our motivation to take care, turning our attention to solving everyday problems. However, would these scenarios and changes have the power to undo the various sensitivities regarding caring for someone or something else?

Taking care certainly involves reflections, which can be of the most varied nature. For example, if I take care of myself and not others, am I being selfish? If, on the other hand, I take care of others but not of myself, am I inconsistent? Alternatively, if I take care of the climate or the natural environment but not the artistic and cultural works, am I a fanatic? Again, if a government takes care of society, preaching peace, but at the same time finances the war market through the arms trade, would that be hypocritical? The topic lends itself to different theoretical interpretations, which may concern the most varied ethical and social aspects.

What should the submitted chapters consider?

The title of the collection opens up various theoretical possibilities, not excluding a specific field. Obviously, however, the plot should be ethical in nature and have some bearing on the responsibility of caring.

Examples of potential chapters are:

- Care of human, social and environmental vulnerability



- Care, ethics, responsibility, criticism and morals: which relationship?
- Care as an ontological structure
- Phenomenological elements of care
- Care of one's own wounds, of the other and of the planet within a moral, social and spiritual crisis
- Care as tangible proof of “Humanity”
- Care of the values and truth in a post-true and value-free world
- Care of diversity (of thought, status, orientation, and so on): which epistemic perspective?
- Taking Care as a courageous or utopian action in a society dominated by the supremacy of money and utilitarian interests
- Taking care and critical theory (see e.g. last paragraph of the “Description”)
- Taking care of the present, the past and the future (having the historical memory at heart in order to live the present in the best possible way and responsibly, taking into account the needs that come from the “future”)
- Taking care of peace in times of war.

About the Editor:

Marco Ettore Grasso (Ph.D. in “Philosophy of Law”) is currently collaborating on the subjects of “Theoretical Philosophy” and “Philosophy of Sustainable Development” at the University of Macerata (Department of Humanities). He is the author of numerous publications, including some books on resilience and sustainability ethics.

Past publications:

Books

From the Emergency Crisis to Resilient and Transfigurative Ethics, published in 2022; *Resilience and Sustainability in Law: Theoretical and Critical Approaches*, published in 2021; *Lineamenti di Etica e diritto della Sostenibilità*, published in 2015; and *Il Mutamento Climatico e il Diritto alla Salute*, published in 2012.

Chapters

“Shattered Rights, Emerging Economies and Laws, and New Awareness. What Ethical Visions in a Stormy Reality?: The Trajectory of Emergency Powers” (2023); “Emergency Sustainability and Ethics: Climate Change, Epistemic Health and Nihilism” in *Ecological Integrity and Land Uses: Sovereignty, Governance, Displacements and Land Grabs*, edited by Laura Westra, Klaus Bosselmann, and Virginia Zambrano (2019); “Critical and Analytical Considerations on Climatic Ethics” in *Ecological Integrity, Law and Governance*, edited by Laura Westra, Klaus Bosselmann, Janice Gray, Kathryn Gwiazdon (2018); “Natural Catastrophes and Forms of Catastrophism. A New Ethical and Moral Framework Leading Towards the “Responsible Catastrophism Model” in *The Role of Integrity in the Governance of the Commons*, edited by Janice Gray, Laura Westra, and Franz-Theo Gottwald (2017); “Three Categories of Disintegrity in The Sustainable and



Post-Modern Age: Which Responsibilities?" in *The Common Good and Environmental Governance for the Support of Life*, edited by Laura Westra (2016).

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Feedback to Authors: October 24, 2023;

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