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DEBATES OFTEN REFER  
TO A GENERIC NOTION OF MORALITY WHICH  
IS SUPPOSED TO BE INDEPENDENT OF PARTICULAR  
NORMATIVE COMMITMENTS. THERE IS NO LACK OF SUGGES-  
TIONS ON HOW TO CARVE OUT THE REALM OF THE MORAL. TRADI-  
TIONAL ACCOUNTS, HOWEVER, HAVE MET WITH LIMITED SUCCESS. THIS  
CONFERENCE EXPLORES THE PROSPECTS OF MORE RECENT PROPOSALS  
TO CAPTURE WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED THE POINT OF MORALITY. WHAT CAN  
WE SAY ABOUT WHAT MORALITY QUA MORALITY IS? TOPICS INCLUDE:  
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION; SCEPTICISM AS  
TO WHETHER MORALITY IS SPECIAL IN ANY DEEP PHILOSOPHI-  
CAL SENSE; THE QUESTION OF WHY ONE WOULD WANT TO  
DISTINGUISH MORAL FROM OTHER VALUES AND  
NORMS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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# THE POINT OF MORALITY

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