

1. Friday March 4, 2022, 3:00pm in CBC C212 (IN-PERSON) Violent Resistance as Radical Choice Tamara Fakhoury, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

What reasons stand in favor of (or against) violent resistance to oppression? I distinguish two kinds of normative reasons that bear relevantly in such a practical deliberation. I argue that in addition to reasons of ips may also provide reasons for (or against)

violent resistance. Moreover, there is no guarantee that conflicts will not occur between such reasons. Thus, some acts of violent resistance may arise from situations of radical choice in which impartial moral reasons and personal reasons pull the agent in opposite directions. Regardless of what we ultimately think agents facing such decisions ought to do all things considered, recognizing such conflicts is crucial for understanding the circumstances that give rise to violence and for better sympathizing with victims who are pushed to such extreme modes of resistance.

2. Friday April 1, 2022, 3:00pm in CBC C212 (IN-PERSON) The Hard Problem of Content is Neither. William Ramsey, Dept. of Philosophy, University Nevada Las Vegas

For the past 40 years, philosophers have assumed that the key to understanding mental representation in cognitive systems is to develop a successful naturalistic theory of representational content—a theory in which content is reduced to some combination of natural relations, entities, properties and/or states of affairs. This has led to an outlook where the importance of content has been heavily inflated, while the significance of the representational vehicle has been largely ignored. However, the success of this enterprise has been thwarted by a number of mysterious and allegedly anti-naturalistic, irreducible dimensions of representational content. The challenge of addressing these difficulties has come to be

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