

Cosmopolitanism and Comparative Ethics

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Questions to consider:

How are "human rights" and "human nature" defined in differing cultural contexts? Does the fact that a culture does not have a term mean that they do not have the abstract concept? How do we assess the difference between having a term and having a concept?