

A psychological solution to scepticism about the unity of practical normativity

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Abstract: Practical normative inquiry aims to settle how one should act in various circumstances. There are many different normative standpoints from which we can ask this question, such as morality, prudence, and so on. However, despite the variety of normative standpoints, a natural view of normative inquiry is that it is primarily concerned with how one should act *all-things-considered*, where this determines a uniquely authoritative answer with respect to what to do. Some argue, however, that this view of normativity is incoherent. On this alternative view, instead of a unified domain of normativity, that there exists a plurality of distinct normative domains. While each domain is authoritative from its own point of view, there is no authoritative normative standpoint as such. In response to such scepticism, this talk defends a *psychological* approach to explaining all-things-considered normativity in terms of the distinctive functional role of all-things-considered normative judgments.

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