

## ***The King's Lecture in Ethics***

"Aiding the World's Poor: New Challenges for Donor States"

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There is a significant and growing literature focused on the question of whether states have a moral obligation to provide aid. Against this backdrop, it is, perhaps, surprising that most rich countries have explicitly stated that they do have a moral obligation to provide aid to poor countries. What remains insufficiently discussed and debated is precisely how that obligation can be, or ought to be fulfilled. This issue has become more urgent in recent years as new thinking by the major donors about the purpose of aid raises new questions and presents new dilemmas for the discussion of the ethical issues raised in rich states providing aid to poor countries.

The event is free, unticketed, and open to all.

Questions and comments from the audience will be welcomed.

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