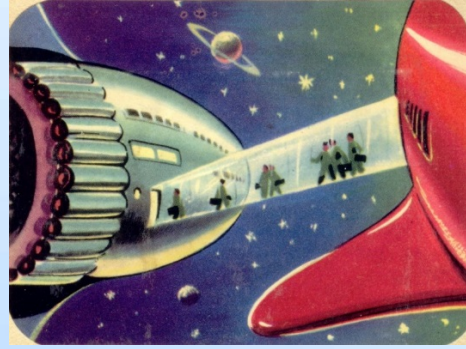


Call for Papers

Ethics in Science Fiction

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Essays are sought for a collection of new articles that engage science fiction in terms of its ethical content, with a focus on analytic or Anglo-American tradition of ethical theorizing. The guiding idea behind the volume is to expand the boundaries of ethical criticism of literature by either treating science fiction texts as engaging in arguments about ethical problems found in the philosophical literature or using concepts from ethical theorizing to develop new interpretive lenses for science fiction.

In terms of science fiction, the material can be short stories, novels, comics, movies, or television series. What counts as science fiction is expansive, e.g. would include works such as Steampunk, New Weird, and more.

In terms of Anglo-American ethical theory, the topics include, but are not limited to the following:

- In meta-ethics, topics such as moral realism vs anti-realism, naturalism vs non-naturalism, the open question argument, moral nihilism;
- In normative ethics, topics such as moral luck, moral saints, doing vs allowing and trolley problems, friendship vs impartiality, the repugnant conclusion, doctrine of double effect;
- In practical ethics, topics such as discrimination, reproductive technology, environmental restoration and other topics in environmental, healthcare, and professional ethics.

While the focus of the volume will tend toward the above, submissions related to Levinas, alterity, animal studies, post-colonialism, hybridity, feminism and gender studies, and other value oriented approaches are welcome.

Submissions

- Abstract: 200 words
- Chapter: 6,000 to 8,000 words
- MLA style, Microsoft Word

Submissions should include:

- CV for each author or co-author
- Email contact information for each author or co-author

Due Dates

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