



## Writing sample MA Applied Ethics

### Instruction

Please write, specifically for this application, an **introduction** to an academic paper:

Choose one of the texts below, read it carefully, and imagine writing a paper in response to it. Write the introduction to that paper (approx. 800-1000 words). Both texts can be found online.

-Janet Radcliffe-Richards (2009), 'Consent with Inducements: The Case of Body Parts and Services,' in Franklin Miller and Alan Wertheimer (eds.), *The Ethics of Consent: Theory and Practice*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 281-304.

-Simon Caney (2005), 'Cosmopolitan Justice, Responsibility, and Global Climate Change,' *Leiden Journal of International Law*, 18, p. 747-775.

What are you expected to write? Your imagined paper should pick up a main claim of Radcliffe-Richards's or Caney's text. (This will also ensure, normally, that your paper has an ethical/political philosophical component and that it is applied enough.) Explicate this claim and either (a) criticize it or (b) defend it against criticism.

Your **introduction** to the imagined paper –this introduction is the piece that you are actually going to write– should include:

1. the **research question** of your paper, and
2. what you **aim to argue for** in the paper (= the answer to your research question). As indicated, your aim will be to criticize/defend a main claim made by Radcliffe-Richards or Caney. Here you should indicate what that claim and criticism/defence is.
3. Also, your introduction should state what your **main arguments** will be (when defending/criticizing Radcliffe-Richards or Caney) as well as
4. the **main counterarguments** you will rebut.

Be as explicit as possible in this introduction, e.g. when stating your (counter)arguments and their presuppositions. Also, your introduction should be full text –just as the actual introduction of an academic paper– rather than consisting of bullet points/points of attention.

Your introduction will give us an impression of how you would approach ethical/political philosophical debates of the kind that is central to our Master's programme.

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