T.M. Scanlon

T.M Scanlon is an American philosopher. He currently teaches as the Alford Professor of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy, and Civil Polity in Harvard University’s Department of Philosophy. His teaching in the department has included courses on theories of justice and equality, and he has published works mostly on the foundations of moral theory. His groundbreaking book, What We Owe to Each Other, explores the duties we owe to other people in virtue of them being rational creatures. He has more recently published Being Realistic about Reasons, which defends the view that there are irreducibly normative truths about reasons for action.

The lecture will address some questions about what tolerance is and to whom it is owed. T.M. Scanlon will be mainly concerned with a kind of tolerance that requires us to allow others to behave in ways that may change the nature of our society. The lecture will be mainly about tolerance, but he will discuss some implications for questions of immigration.

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