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## A Transcultural Exploration of Ethics: A Dialogue between Western and Indian Traditions

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Dunton Tower, Room 2017 (FASS Lounge)

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

9:30-11:00 **Ashok Vohra** (Univ. of Delhi): "Traditional Indian Humanism in Comparative Perspective"

**Jay Drydyk** (Carleton): "Responsible Pluralism"

11:15-12:45 **Shashi Motilal** (Univ. of Delhi): "Human Rights, Human Obligations and Moral Relativism"

**Christine Koggel** (Carleton) "Capabilities and Care"

*Lunch*

2:00-3:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Michael Krausz** (Bryn Mawr College) "Mapping Relativisms"

3:45-5:15 **Sonia Sikka** (Univ. of Ottawa): "Philosophy, Anthropology and the Question of Cultural Relativism"

**Heidi Maibom** (Carleton): "Whose Moral Psychology? A Cross-Cultural and Cross-Temporal Perspective"

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

9:30-11:00 **Ajay Verma** (Univ. of Delhi): "Ethics, Language and the Authority of Tradition: A Hermeneutical Appraisal of Grammarian and Mimamsa Schools of Indian Philosophy"

**Gordon Davis** (Carleton): "The Nature of Ethical Discourse: Relativist and Anti-Relativist Perspectives in and around Classical Indian Philosophy"

11:15-12:45 **Bindu Puri** (Univ. of Delhi): “Gandhi’s Translation of Plato’s Apology: A Dialogue with Socrates”

**Noel Salmond** (Carleton): “Revisiting Gandhi in Responding to the Environmental Ethics of Climate Change”

*Lunch*

2:15-4:15 **Rajesh Shukla** (Saint Paul University): “Similarities beyond Differences: Mill’s Utilitarianism and the Consequentialism of the Bhagavad Gita”

**Harsha Dehejia** (Carleton): “Krishna and the Dilemma of Ethics”

**Ram Murty** (Queen’s): “Brighter than a Thousand Suns: The Gita in the Modern Age”

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