

The Human Flourishing: what Classical Philosophy and Contemporary Social Science tell us about the good life

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Abstract:

"What does it mean to flourish? Human flourishing is a concept with a rich philosophical pedigree dating back through the Christian era to Aristotle's ethical writings. Interest in flourishing has been rekindled with the mid-20th century revival of Aristotelian virtue ethics in moral philosophy, positive psychology, and character and virtue studies in educational theory.

This talk will explore how complementary insights from the contemporary social sciences and classical philosophy can inform our understanding of what it means to live a good life.

It also will consider how basic insights on flourishing can inform social policy, and, in particular, the field of public health".