

## “UNITY-BASED MORAL AND POLITICAL THEORY”

Most of our interpersonal moral concepts describe degrees of unity in the ends of the persons involved (compare cruelty to toleration to cooperation). This paper first sets out a theory in which value turns on the satisfaction of desires to the degree those desires converge with those of others. On top of that value theory the paper then constructs a unity-based consequentialism, whose ideal is the maximum free unity of ends. This new consequentialism is compared to utilitarianism and Kantianism, and its usefulness as a political theory is also considered.