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Title: International distributive justice. Egalitarian or Minimalist?

In the presentation I focus on the part of the debate concerning the issue of international distributive justice. I chose to compare minimalist (David Miller) and egalitarian (Simon Caney) approaches which describe responsibilities in international relations in opposite way. Simon Caney refers to the principle of global equality of opportunity defending non-relationist approach to global justice. In one of his work he says that: “Persons of different nations should enjoy equal opportunities: no one should face worse opportunities because of their nationality” (Caney 2005). Against this approach we can identify at least two objections in Miller’s theory. First, that moral arbitrariness of nationality is misleading. Second, that global equality of opportunity across communities is questionable because in one community the good X does not be valued the same as in the second community (Miller 2007). During my speech I will examine the arguments of both sides in more broader and systematic way and offer solution which reconcile egalitarian and minimalist approaches. In constructing my positive answer I refer to Kok-Chor-Tan’s idea of limited patriotism (Tan 2000), Henry Shue’s idea of basic rights (1988) and Thomas Pogge’s idea of negative duties (Pogge 2002).

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