

## **Ethical solipsism**

The presentation will deal with two questions: (1) What would ethical duties look like if solipsism *in the strict (epistemological) sense* were true?; (2) To what ethical phenomena may one legitimately refer the word 'solipsism' in such a way that it would satisfy the following two conditions: it would retain some trace of its epistemological sense and at the same time entail negative ethical evaluation? As for question (1), some thought experiments are proposed. As for question (2) several different phenomena are distinguished that seem to satisfy both conditions, viz. moral solipsism in the Kantian sense, egocentric (solipsistic) egoism, sentimental (solipsistic) love, and the Identified Victim Effect. It is also argued that neither egotism nor narcissism can justifiably be dubbed 'ethical solipsism'.