



**The Department of Philosophy
and
the Applied Ethics Forum
present**

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**Resisting
Reductive
Realism**

Reductive realism in ethics is a family of views organized loosely around the idea that ethical facts are part of the natural world as science and experience reveal it to us. Ethicists struggle to take reductive realism seriously. Trying to come to grips with why ethicists are so opposed to reductive realism, I argue, reveals several special features of the way we think, as a matter of our psychology, about ethical facts. These psychological features, I claim, best explain why ethicists struggle to take reductive realism seriously.

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4:00–5:30

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