



School of Humanities and Social Sciences Philosophy Programme

The Philosophy Programme, HSS cordially invite you to a seminar by
Dr. Jorn Sonderholm
Discrimination at Hotels: The Case of Children



Time and Venue

Date:

18 November 2016

Time:

3:00-5:00pm

Venue:

HSS Seminar
Room 7

The talk is open
to all!

Abstract

- This article is about discrimination. In particular, it addresses the issue of whether not it is morally permissible for hotels to have zones where children are not allowed. The zones in question are restricted to 1) pool areas within a hotel, ii) part of the stretch of beach that belongs to a hotel and iii) areas within the restaurant(s) of a hotel. The article revolves around the following, very simple, argument: (1) It is morally impermissible for hotels to have zones where people of color are not allowed. (2) If it is morally impermissible for hotels to have zones where people of color are not allowed, then it is morally impermissible for hotels to have zones where children are not allowed. (3) It is morally impermissible for hotels to have zones where children are not allowed. Let us denote this the “Master Argument”. The aim of this article is to show that the Master Argument is sound. If there is warrant for the belief that the Master Argument is sound, then this has significant practical consequences in the sense that many hotels around the world will have to change their policy if they want to avoid being involved in a morally impermissible type of discrimination. Furthermore, the law should be changed so that the hotel policy in question becomes unlawful.

Biography

- Jorn Sonderholm is an associate professor at the Department of Learning and Philosophy at Aalborg University in Denmark. His current research interests are in political theory and global justice. He has published papers in journals such as *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Analytic Philosophy*; *Philosophy Compass* and *Bioethics*. He holds a PhD in philosophy from University of St Andrews.