## Week2: Theoretical underpinning of Ethics

Hallmark of ethical thinking: recognition that there are appropriate interests other than your own, that should act as constraints on unbridled pursuit of self-interest

Practical problem: how to turn an erstwhile ethical problem into a non‐ethical one by making interest coincide.

Relativism:

Values are different

Descriptive relativism

Normative relativism

Different views are correct

Don’t judge or interfere other culture’s values

Descriptive Ethics

Summarize from what people think are ethical.

Prescriptive

Ought and should.

Principle-issue-casuistry

There is some reasons behind the judgement

Ethics is complicated

Compare ethics with prudence, politics, preference and

Argument between rules and consequences

More complicated

Moral reasoning

Elicit the content by putting us in an ethical scenario and ask questions like making an ethical decision.