
Morality and Moral Responsibility. The Strawson-Hart Account and the Responsibility-First Approach

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Project abstract:

I have two main objectives. (1) To develop a new account, the Strawson-Hart account, of the nature of morality. (2) To present a new approach, the responsibility-first approach, to the study of moral responsibility.

I start from the thought that P.F. Strawson's 'Freedom and Resentment', the key text in responsibility theory, cannot be understood without grasping Strawson's conception of morality. I argue that H.L.A. Hart's work sheds light on Strawson's. Their accounts of morality are mutually enriching, which makes it possible to develop a 'Strawson-Hart account'. I argue that this account is convincing and distinct from existing ones. Moreover, the similarities between law and morals highlighted in the Strawson-Hart account open up the possibility of a new approach to the study of moral responsibility, the 'responsibility-first approach'. The key idea here is that, instead of explaining responsibility in supposedly more basic terms like freedom, responsibility is itself explanatorily basic. I show how the responsibility-first approach can deal with skepticism about responsibility through a new, historically informed and empirically supported argument.

This project promises to yield substantial gains. It may have a deep impact on debates about the nature of morality and responsibility, it will enhance the understanding of two major 20th century analytic philosophers, and it will show how historically informed work leads to original contributions to contemporary debates.

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Application DMP

Questionnaire

Describe the datatypes (surveys, sequences, manuscripts, objects ...) the research will collect and/or generate and /or (re)use. (use up to 700 characters)

We will work with published bibliographic sources (articles and books). The project will generate excerpts, notes, summaries, annotations, manuscripts, published articles and (optional) a book. We will neither use nor generate quantitative data, all data will be qualitative.

Specify in which way the following provisions are in place in order to preserve the data during and at least 5 years after the end of the research? Motivate your answer. (use up to 700 characters)

The promotor is responsible for the data. The data will be stored on KU Leuven central network drives. These are safe, secure, and sustainable, and automatically backed up in accordance with the KU Leuven RDM policy. All published work will be made publicly available through Lirias, the KU Leuven Association document repository. If possible, our research will be published Open Access (see 'Budget'). If OA is not possible, our research will be made publicly available after an embargo period (in accordance with KU Leuven regulations and taking into account the publisher's conditions). All data will be saved for at least 10 years after the end of the project.

What's the reason why you wish to deviate from the principle of preservation of data and of the minimum preservation term of 5 years? (max. 700 characters)

NA

Are there issues concerning research data indicated in the ethics questionnaire of this application form? Which specific security measures do those data require? (use up to 700 characters)

No.

Which other issues related to the data management are relevant to mention? (use up to 700 characters)

No other issues.

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DPIA

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Have you performed a DPIA for the personal data processing activities for this project?

- Not applicable

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GDPR

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Have you registered personal data processing activities for this project?

- Not applicable

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FWO DMP (Flemish Standard DMP)

1. Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

				Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for digital data	Only for physical data
Dataset Name	Description	New or reused	Digital or Physical	Digital Data Type	Digital Data format	Digital data volume (MB/GB/TB)	Physical volume
		<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate new data Reuse existing data 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Physical 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observational Experimental Compiled/aggregated data Simulation data Software Other NA 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .por, .xml, .tab, .cvs, .pdf, .txt, .rtf, .dwg, .gml, ... NA 	<i>Please choose from the following options:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <100MB <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB <10TB <50TB >50TB NA 	
Source material	Published books and articles	E	D and P	NA	.pdf	max 3 GB	max 2000 pages
Conference contributions	Abstracts, conference presentations	N	D	NA	.pdf, .docx, .ppt	max 1 GB	
Notes and drafts	Notes and drafts based on source material	N	D and P	NA	.pdf, .docx	max 1 GB	max 500 pages
Publications	Published articles, book chapters	N	D and P	NA	.pdf	max 500 MB	max 200 pages

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

We will use published books and articles (both physical and digital) as source material. Most resources are available in KU Leuven Libraries. All sources relevant for the research will be cited in our publications.

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? Describe these issues in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- No

Will you process personal data? If so, briefly describe the kind of personal data you will use in the comment section. Please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate.

- No

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, ...)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material/Data transfer agreements/ research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

2. Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep data understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g., in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, Codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

Source material: a clean copy of all digital source material will be saved (folder 'Source material', items will get file name including author and title, e.g. 'Strawson Peter - Freedom and Resentment'). Physical source material will mostly be available in KU Leuven Libraries.
Conferences: a clean copy of all the materials will be saved (folder 'Conferences'). For every conference or workshop, a sub-folder will be created (e.g., 2023 Roots of Normativity Oxford) in which all notes, abstracts, presentations related to the conference will be saved.
Publications: a clean copy of all digitally available publications will be saved (folder 'Publications'). For every publication in progress, a sub-folder will be created (e.g., 2023 Strawson's Later Work on Responsibility) in which all notes and drafts related to the publication (version 1, 2, etc.) will be saved.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data? If so, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata standard will be used. If not, please specify (where appropriate per dataset or data type) which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- No

The reference lists of our publications will be compiled according to common standards in the field of analytic philosophy. References will contain author name, year, title of publication, publisher, title of journal, page range, and DOI (if there is one).
Source materials will be saved in a folder 'Source material', items will get file name including author and title, e.g. 'Strawson Peter - Freedom and Resentment'. That is sufficient for the purposes of this research. We will work with data which are already publicly available and rather easy to find.
Conference contributions will be saved in a folder 'Conferences'. For every conference or workshop, a sub-folder will be created (e.g., 2023 Roots of Normativity Oxford) in which (all versions of) all notes, abstracts, presentations related to the conference will be saved. That is sufficient for the purposes of this research.
Publications: a clean copy of all digitally available publications will be saved (folder 'Publications'). For every publication, a sub-folder will be created (e.g., 2023 Strawson's Later Work on Responsibility) in which all (versions of) notes and drafts related to the publication will be saved. That is sufficient for the purposes of this research.

3. Data storage & back-up during the research project

Where will the data be stored?

Personal network drive (I-drive)

How will the data be backed up?

Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project? If yes, specify concisely. If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, then explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

We will not work with sensitive data. Security of personal network drives is high enough for this research (KU Leuven services are sufficiently secured by Multi Factor Authentication), no additional security measures are necessary.

What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

No costs expected. (Covered by KU Leuven.)

4. Data preservation after the end of the research project

Which data will be retained for at least five years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project? In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy

Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

Newly published data will be available through Lirias, the KU Leuven Repository, and PhilPapers (a repository for philosophy papers).

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

No costs. (Covered by KU Leuven.)

5. Data sharing and reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project? In the comment section please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Other, please specify:

Source material is already published material.

Notes and drafts will not be made available (they are unlikely to be of any use to researchers outside the research team), but the published material based on these notes, drafts, etc. will be made available. Depending on the venue in which articles, book chapters, conference proceedings, etc. are published, the publications will be available Open Access from the start or after an embargo period. All publications will be made available through Lirias (KU Leuven Repository) and PhilPapers (archive for papers in philosophy). Publications under embargo will be made available upon request.

If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

All interested scholars will get access to the data, taking into account potential copyright restrictions (embargo periods). We will comply with KU Leuven Open Access policy.

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)? Please explain in the comment section per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Where will the data be made available? If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

Publications will be made available through Lirias (KU Leuven Repository) and PhilPapers (philosophy papers repository).

When will the data be made available?

Upon publication of research results

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide? If none, please explain why.

CC-BY 4.0 (data)

Do you intend to add a PID/DOI/accession number to your dataset(s)? If already available, you have the option to provide it in the comment section.

- No

What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

No costs. (Covered by KU Leuven.)

6. Responsibilities

Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?

PI and project researchers

Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?

PI and project researchers

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

PI

Who will update and implement this DMP?

PI