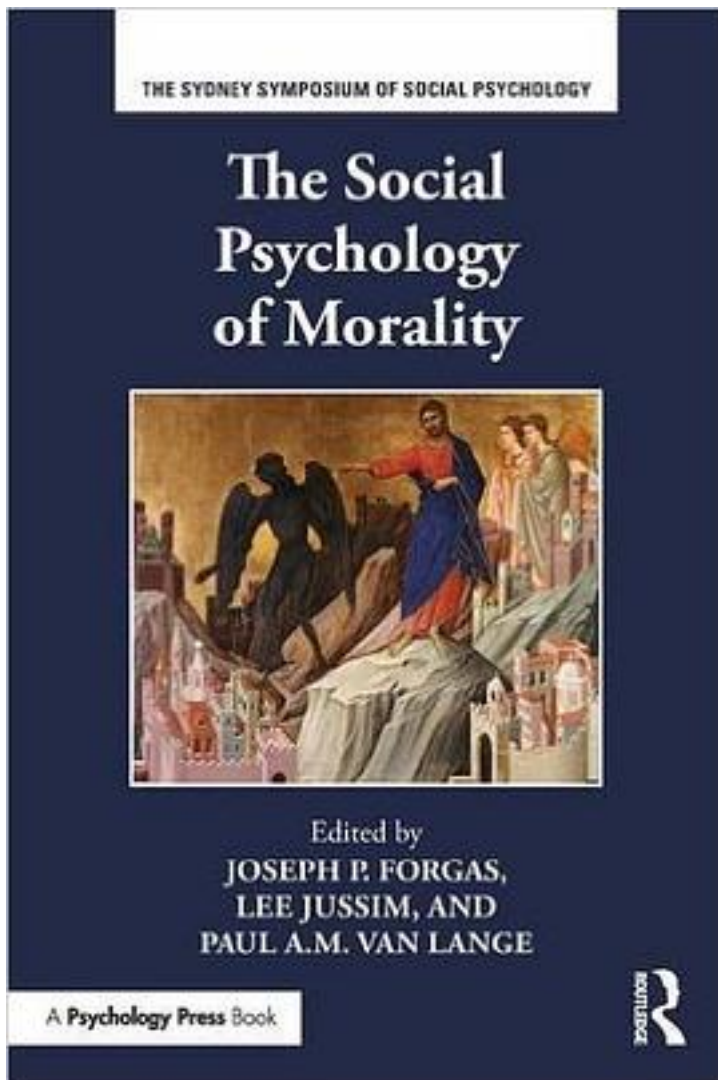


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Ever since Plato's 'Republic' was written over two thousand years ago, one of the main concerns of social philosophy and later empirical social science was to understand the moral nature of human beings. The faculty to think and act in terms of overarching moral values is as much a defining hallmark of our species as is our intelligence, so homo moralis is no less an appropriate term to describe humans as homo sapiens.

This volume makes a case for the pivotal role of social psychology as the core discipline for studying morality. The book is divided into four parts. First, the role of social psychological processes in moral values and judgments is discussed, followed by an analysis of the role of morality in interpersonal processes. The sometimes paradoxical, ironic effects of moral beliefs are described next, and in the final section the role of morality in collective and group behavior is considered.

This book will be of interest to students and researchers in the social and behavioral sciences concerned with moral behavior, as well as professionals and practitioners in clinical, counseling, organizational, marketing and educational psychology where issues of ethics and morality are of importance.

After languishing for decades, the study of morality has recently prospered by means of an explosion of creative new research directions and insights. This timely and fascinating book offers a marvelous overview of many diverse contributions and perspectives, written by many of the cutting-edge researchers who helped create the explosive leap forward. Delving into the root causes of both remarkable virtue and despicable misbehavior, as well as the processes by which people form and express moral judgments, this book is a tour de force that will reward anyone interested in this key aspect of human social life, from the novice seeking an introduction to the expert wanting to know the latest findings.

Roy F. Baumeister, author of *Willpower: Rediscovering the greatest human strength* and *Evil: Inside human violence and cruelty*

There is nothing more central to what it means to be human than our moral (and immoral) behavior. Thus, understanding when and why humans do and do not behave morally is a key mission of the social sciences in general and social psychology in particular. This volume is a testament to how much progress we have made in our understanding of this critical issue. The contributing authors are the leaders in this field and together they have created a book that is a must-read for all psychologists and social scientists who want to catch up on the current science on this issue.

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