

Protecting *the Weak*

Entangled Processes of Framing, Mobilization and Institutionalization in East Asia

The Price of Serving Meat – On Confucius' and Mencius' Views of Human and Animal Rights

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The apparent conflict between some fundamental ideas of Confucianism and of rights seems to render Confucianism incompatible with rights. But I will illustrate the general strategies, based upon an insight of the later Rawls, to solve the incompatibility problem. I will then show how these strategies can help us to develop a Confucian account of animal rights, which, by way of example, demonstrates how Confucianism can endorse and develop unique and constructive accounts of most rights that are commonly recognized today.

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