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## **Ethics in a Global Age: Towards and Beyond Human Rights**

Despite astonishing technological developments during the twentieth century and beyond, hundreds of millions of people are still deprived from their essential rights as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). At the same time, however, influential moral philosophers advocate high ethical ideals in terms of global justice, global health, global responsibilities, human capabilities, environmental ethics, animal rights, et cetera. How, then, to strike the balance among global realisms and global idealisms? There is no single answer in sight. In the current paper, however, the author defends the robust idea of the human rights baseline for ethics in our global age and drafts a model for allocating the corresponding responsibilities. The human rights tradition and law still provide the most widely recognized core for global normativity. Yet its vitality crucially depends, first, on the ability of the high-income countries to generate responsibilities that correspond to human rights and mobilize resources for their realization. Second, human rights need to be flexibly integrated into broader ethical theories with a realistic edge, theories that aim at identifying the more precise content of the human rights-based paradigm in each context. The presented model challenges all people concerned to engage in cross-cultural dialogues, to face the acute challenges head on, and to develop broad views with the firmly established human rights in their core.