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**Abstract****Lateral Ethics, Moral Particularism, and Nationality****Ryuichiro Taniguchi**

Morality has its own reasons that reason *per se* takes no proper account of. It has a variety of scopes, limits, and boundaries, which adumbrate communities to which moral agents conform. The moralities of the communities are often different and even conflict one another. The aim of this paper is threefold: first, to describe those moralities are yet overlapped; second, to discuss the idea that the ethic as I describe—which develops out of lateral and rhizomatous relations among different moralities without conforming to the *a priori*, universal principles of morality—has a way of extending across the boundaries even without being succumbed to a kind of philosophical cosmopolitanism; third, to explicate, hence, the relation between the lateral ethic and nationality based on moral particularism.