Victorian Philosophy

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What happens when new technologies remake everyday life and what it means to work? When inequality explodes? When nationalism turns belligerent? When sexual liberation provokes conservative backlash and when science throws old ideas about what it means to be a human agent into crisis? Welcome to Victorian philosophy, and perhaps to our own neo-Victorian age! This course enters a world arguing furiously over what comes next: whether morality can survive evolution, whether freedom can coexist with empire and capitalism, whether religion has a future, whether beauty and goodness can be explained by biology, and even over the fundamental nature of reality. Strange, radical, and surprisingly familiar, Victorian philosophy asks again the questions our own turbulent century has made urgent, and the social and political debates we cover here will eventually set the stage for the methodologies deployed by philosophers today.



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