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Moral Geographies

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Throughout my degree my idea of what Geography 'is' has constantly been challenged, and an example that shows this is my second year Moral Geographies module.

Moral Geographies is a sub-discipline that looks at which people and behaviours belong in which places, and why. This might sound abstract, but it's about geographers engaging with questions like: should we care more about those closer to us? How does morality shape policy decisions? What does justice look like?

Using perspectives from philosophy and ethics, each week this module explored a different topic with complex moral dimensions in a highly interdisciplinary way. Topics we looked at included freedom of speech, ethical consumption, inequality, freedom of movement, sex work, and more. For our assignment, we could pick any contentious topic and analyse the moral arguments being made and how they could be resolved. I looked at the moral dimensions of UK immigration policy, where I had to consider the topic in ways I had never thought to before.

This is not something unique to this module: it is no exaggeration to say that almost every lecture I have gone to over the past two and a half years has shifted my perspective in some way. The diversity of topics you learn about truly is unique to any other degree and are taught so differently to how you learn in school.

So, for anyone curious about the world, I cannot recommend you #ChooseGeography at University highly enough.

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