

Summary

“Eine Anmerkung zur logischen Struktur von ‘Goldene-Regel’-Argumenten im Sinne Hares”

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In chapter 6 of his book *Freedom and Reason* Richard Mervyn Hare exemplifies a simple form of his so-called ‘golden-rule’-arguments by means of his well-known ‘debtor-example’ (section I). Critics objected that these arguments as developed by Hare do not reach their aim (section II), and hence devised some strategies for making them conclusive (section III). I shall argue that these rescue efforts are defective or at least unnecessary; for Hare himself did in fact give a perfectly satisfactory solution in *Freedom and Reason* (sections IV, V). The key to his solution is the exclusion of morally indifferent actions. His solution must be complemented with a weighing of interests (section VI).