

# Radical hospitality : from thought to action (/review/10.5860/CHOICE.224475)

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For decades, Continental philosophy has turned to the topic of hospitality as a central theme in other-oriented ethical theory. Such thinkers as Levinas, Derrida, and Butler have discussed the importance of constitutive openness to the other—both human and nonhuman. However, such discussions have rarely found traction in the rough ground of social philosophy and public policy. Kearney and Fitzpatrick (both Boston College) attempt to bridge this gap by thinking about the philosophy of hospitality in light of, and with an eye toward, global issues attending immigration, xenophobia, nationalism, and climate change. What results is a substantive account of how to move, as the book's subtitle states, from "thought to action." This book is a striking model of how phenomenology, existentialism, and hermeneutics can be brought to bear on the lived realities of sociality. In part 1, "Four Faces of Hospitality," Kearney offers four conceptions of hospitality that speak to different concrete case studies of global ethics. In part 2, "Hospitality and Moral Psychology," Fitzpatrick considers what can be learned from Kant, Levinas, Arendt, and contemporary virtue ethics. This book is long overdue and much needed.

**Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through faculty.

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