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Ubuntu and the Paradigm of 'Development Ethics'

This research report is a philosophical exploration of what the socio-political ethic of *ubuntu* can contribute to the three value questions raised by the 'Development Ethic' paradigm. It looks into what *ubuntu* as an ethic is about and promises as a moral theory, and then, applies this moral theory to the three value questions: 1) What is a meaningful life? 2) How ought we to treat nature? 3) What are the foundations of a just society? The response that *ubuntu* provides to answer these value questions will be taken as the preliminary vision of 'development' informed by *ubuntu*.