

# Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE)

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## Thesis title

Reasoning about Human Development

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## Project description

Over the last few decades, the economist-philosopher Amartya Sen has been refining a 'Capability Approach' for human development that emphasizes the achievement of the kind of lives people have reason to value. Such a life is a combination of intrinsically valuable 'beings and doings' (such as being sufficiently nourished), together with the actual capabilities to achieve them (such as being able to buy nutritious food). My thesis attempts to develop the philosophical character of this project, focusing on its ethical and political components.

## Research interests

Ethics, political philosophy, rationality, development, economic methodology

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