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## **Trust and Human Nature**

In the philosophy of K.E. Løgstrup "human nature" does not mean "human biology": the concept rather designates fundamental features of human life that cannot be understood by biological science alone. One such feature is inter-personality, the fact that human persons necessarily stand in relations to other human persons. Trust occupies a crucial place in inter-personality in that we humans seem to meet others with trust in the very broad sense of exposing ourselves to the other. According to Løgstrup, trust in this sense is the basic phenomenon of moral life in that it constitutes the individual's responsibility towards the other. One question raised in the presentation is whether trust-based responsibility is one-sided or mutual.