

**Hong Kong Catastrophic Risk Centre
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Is Exploitation a Relational Wrong?

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On many accounts of wrongful exploitation, it would appear that exploitation should be understood as a relational wrong, in the sense that the exploited parties to exploitative transactions are wronged by the exploiting parties to those transactions. In contrast to these "transactional" accounts, some endorse structural accounts of exploitation, on which it would appear that exploitation is not a relational wrong. In this paper I argue that while none of the accounts in the literature (e.g. fairness-based, respect-based, relational harm-based) provides compelling grounds for viewing exploitation as a "narrowly directed" wrong committed only against the exploited parties to exploitative transactions, there are also reasons to reject the view that there is no sense in which exploitation is a relational wrong. I offer some reasons to think that exploitation is a relational wrong that is nonetheless not narrowly directed, and highlight some of the implications of accepting this view.

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