

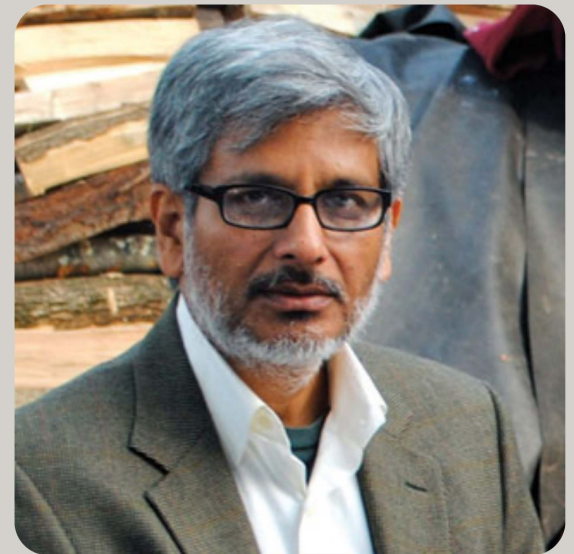
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A Just Claim to Know Another Person?

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We need friends to live and flourish as human beings. Friendship demands reciprocal knowledge of each other. Knowledge traditionally requires truth and justification. But knowing another person in a way that “does justice” to them without turning the *other subject* into an *object of knowledge* or a mere means to one’s ego-enhancing rational benefit calculation appears to be impossible. Keeping Aristotle’s concept of friendship of virtue (rather than of pleasure or utility) in mind, and making a nuanced use of P.F. Strawson’s epoch-making distinction between reactive and objective attitudes towards other people, I try to seek a way out of this conundrum of claiming to know the other person --a friend-- with justification and justice. Knowing a friend, avoiding bias or objectification, thus, may turn into a “regulative ideal” in the Kantian sense!



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