

**Putting aside utilitarianism in search of utility:  
The ethical and legal philosophy of Martin Diego Farrell.**

This communication wants to make to know the work of Martin Diego Farrell; He is a founding partner to SIEU (*Sociedad Iberoamericana de Estudios Utilitaristas*) and a recognized scholar on Mill. He has written many books about ethics and philosophy of law questions. He is a utilitarian thinker who, in the progress of his thought, his ideas, has been driven apart to the classical utilitarianism. For the one hand, this paper will expound his ideas from three points of view: epistemology, morals and philosophy of law. On these three matters, we will study the changes, the modifications, which Martin D. Farrell introduces in, that are opposed to philosopher classical utilitarianism. Nevertheless, Martin D. Farrell will continue being a follower of consequentialistic theories. For the other hand, after presenting his ethical theory, it is going to be easy to expound his position about human rights. The keywords to study will be, among other questions, cultural relativism and moral relativism; the law of the peoples; the harm principle of Mill (of a crucial importance for him); the interventionism and consequential theory; in the end, the distributive justice.

Finally, connecting one by one all this questions, it will be necessary to consider the possibility -the true purpose- to make an ethical international and it will be necessary to try the consistence of this project with ethical consequentialism, being understood as a consistent utilitarianism and being an application to human relations and also to international relations.

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