

Theories of Conflict

Relationships of *Reciprocity* Compared with Relationships of *Response**

The Separate/Objective Self

Relationships are experienced in terms of:

Reciprocity between separate individuals;
Treat others as one would want self to be treated.

Relationships are mediated through:

Rules that maintain fairness and reciprocity in relationships.

Relationships are grounded in:

Roles which come from duties of obligation and commitment.

The Connected Self

Relationships are experienced in terms of:

Response to others in their terms; a concern for the good of others or for the alleviation of their burdens, hurt or suffering.

Relationships are mediated through:

The activity of Care which maintains and sustains caring and connection in relationships.

Relationships are grounded in:

Interdependence which comes from recognition of the interconnectedness of people.

*Lyons, Nona Plessner, "Two Perspectives: On Self, Relationships, and Morality" in Gilligan, Ward & Taylor *Mapping the Moral Domain* (1988)