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# KILLING FOR PROFIT

ÖFFENTLICHE  
VORTRÄGE

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## Thinkers in Philosophy & Public Policy

### About the Lecture

Sometimes the leaders of a corporation learn that a product they have been selling has been killing some of those who have purchased it. It could be a car that is discovered to have a defective part or a food that is determined to be carcinogenic. The usual response of corporate leaders in these circumstances is to try to conceal or deny the evidence and in general to do all within their power to continue to profit by continuing to sell the product, thereby killing more people. How should we evaluate such people morally? How do they compare, for example, with ordinary murderers?

### About the Speaker

Jeff McMahan is White's Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Oxford. He has written extensively on killing and death and is a leading authority on Just War Theory. His books include *The Ethics of Killing: Problems at the Margins of Life* (Oxford University Press, 2002) and *Killing in War* (OUP, 2009).

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