

Saving humans by numbers

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Dr Jussi Suikkanen (</staff/profiles/philosophy/suikkanen-jussi.aspx>) writes a series of articles for the Institute of Advanced Studies' Saving Humans blog.

When it comes to saving humans, the sad truth is that we cannot save everyone from everything bad that is going to happen to them. For one, we have limited resources and there are just too many people we could help. This is why we must make difficult choices: which groups should we save and from what? These decisions are common in both policy-making and everyday life. Who should we help with the money we spend on healthcare? Should I drive fast so as not to keep my family waiting or slow down and save the local cyclists from a higher risk of death?

Philosophers have always been interested in how you should make these choices.

Read the full articles:

- **[Saving humans by numbers part 1: an introduction](http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/03/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-1-introduction/)** (<http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/03/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-1-introduction/>)
- **[Saving humans by numbers part 2: saving fewer people](http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/04/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-2-saving-fewer-people/)** (<http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/04/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-2-saving-fewer-people/>)
- **[Saving humans by numbers part 3: lotteries](http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/05/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-3-lotteries/)** (<http://savinghumans.org/2014/02/05/saving-humans-by-numbers-part-3-lotteries/>)