



Call for contributions

Globethics.net Conference Series

Towards Sustainable, Knowledge and Ethical Societies – The Contribution of Higher Education Institutions

Conferences

Globethics.net is organising a series of three international online conferences on the theme “**Towards Sustainable, Knowledge and Ethical Societies - The Contribution of Higher Education Institutions**”, and invites your active participation and contribution.

Each conference is a two-day event, three hours each day, organised by the Globethics.net Regional Offices, in Latin America, India/Asia and East Africa respectively, with the support of the Globethics.net Head Office in Geneva, Switzerland and in collaboration with one or more partner higher education institutions in the respective regions. Each conference will highlight some of the priorities and the flavour of the hosting region while also retaining an international scope.

Conference 1: “Developing Sustainable Societies through Higher Education” (Latin America) 26-27 May 2022 – 18.00-21.00 CEST/ 13.00-16.00 Argentina time. Register [here](#)
Full interpretation Spanish / English will be provided.

Conference 2: “Shaping Knowledge Societies through Higher Education” (India/Asia) 15-16 June 2022 – 9.30-12.30 CEST/ 13.00-16.00 India time. Register [here](#)

Conference 3: “Promoting Ethical Societies through Higher Education” (East Africa) 7-8 July 2022 – 13.00-16.00 CEST / 14.00-17.00 Kenya time. Register [here](#)

Call for Abstracts and Papers

This **call for abstracts and papers** is for all of the conferences and papers are welcome from anywhere in the world. A select number of papers will be chosen to be presented at each of the three conferences.

You are invited to submit a **300-word abstract in English** for any/or all of the three conferences. **For the first Conference, Developing Sustainable Societies through Higher Education, abstracts in both Spanish and English will be received.**

- Deadline for submission of abstracts (please indicate for which conference your abstract is intended): **9 May 2022 (midnight CEST)**.
- Abstracts selected for paper presentation at a conference notified*: **13 May 2022**
- Deadline for submission of full papers:
 1. Sustainable Societies: **16 May 2022**
 2. Knowledge Societies: **10 June 2022**
 3. Ethical Societies: **1 July 2022**

*Those selected to present their paper at one or more of the conferences will be invited to expand their abstract into a full paper and share it at the respective online conference/s.

Full papers submitted for the conference **should be 2500-3000 words**.

The email address to use to submit abstracts and papers is provided at the end of this call.

Publications

The three conferences will dovetail with a three-volume publication project. Papers selected for presentation at a conference may be invited to deepen the work for submission as a chapter in the books; they are not automatically included in this peer-reviewed publication series.

Book chapters will be 5000-6000 words; detailed Author Guidelines will be provided by Globethics.net.

Please see the descriptions below for more detail on each of the three conferences and the related publications.

[More information about this conference series and the related publications project](#)

Conference 1- **“Developing Sustainable Societies through Higher Education” (Latin America) 26-27 May 2022 - 18.00-21.00 CEST / 13.00-16.00 Argentina time**

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Resolution (70/1) adopted by The UN General Assembly on 25 September 2015 calls for Global Partnership for Sustainable Development and reminds everyone: “We can be the first generation to succeed in ending poverty; just as we may be the last to have a chance of saving the planet. The world will be a better place in 2030 if we succeed in our objectives.” The Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs) with the Transformative Agenda aim to eradicate poverty and hunger, establish socioeconomic inclusion and protect the environment.

Sustainable development often examines socio-economic and environmental aspects and neglects ethical issues – the question of what is the ‘right’ thing to do. The ethical dimension of a poverty-free society should foresee a redistributive mechanism to provide resource access to starving millions, within the country and among countries, because sustainable lifestyles cannot be implemented without strong ethical principles. A development model based on GDP that does not increase the well-being and happiness for the majority of the people today and for future generations is not ethical.

Furthermore, the pandemic and the current conflicts around the world have created new challenges regarding the feasibility of achieving the SDGs. Solid ethical principles and effective action plans are essential to contribute to the prosperity and peace for our people and our planet.

Lecturers, researchers, students, ethicists and other experts in related fields are invited to explore and submit research papers scientifically prepared, regarding **the Ethical interface of the Sustainable Development Goals and the roles of educational, economic, political, legal and religious policies, systems and institutions.**

Selected papers will be part of the **Conference “Developing Sustainable Societies through Higher Education”**, which will take place on 26-27 May 2022. This conference, led by the Globethics.net Latin America Office, in collaboration with Universidad Austral of Buenos Aires and their partners in Higher Education Doctorate, Universidad Abierta Interamericana and Universidad Nacional de Río Negro, will focus on **the role of higher education institutions in the creation of feasible conditions for achieving the SDGs.**

Eligible papers will be invited to expand the work and be included as a chapter in the final publication. **Volume 1: “Towards Sustainable Societies”**. After peer review, the papers will be grouped into four sections:

- i. People, Ethics and Development
- ii. Planet, Ethics and Development
- iii. Prosperity, Ethics and Development
- iv. Peace, Partnerships, Ethics and Development

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Conference 2- **“Shaping Knowledge Societies through Higher Education” (India/Asia) 15-16 June 2022 - 9.30-12.30 CEST/ 13.00-16.00 India time**



As human beings are social beings, knowledge is generated and shared through collective effort and is a common good for the well-being of all. We are members of “Knowledge Societies” who generate, share and make available knowledge that brings justice, solidarity, democracy, peace and well-being to all members of society.

At the beginning of the 21st century, humanity has acquired a new powerful skill to mass-produce knowledge and to use it in products that have the potential to bring in progress and development. Collecting and converting scientific information into digitised commodities and making it available through the internet does not automatically create knowledge societies. We need to move from 'information-', 'digital-', 'electronic-', 'mobile-', 'networked-', societies to knowledge societies to enhance the development of human potential through quality education, right to information and expression and active participation in all aspects of social, cultural, economic and political life.

Lecturers, researchers, students, ethicists and other experts in related fields are invited to share the fruits of their work by **examining and highlighting the scale, scope and complexity of different branches of knowledge, contributing to humanity’s journey towards Knowledge Societies.**

Selected contributions will be part of the **Conference Shaping Knowledge Societies through Higher Education**, which will take place on 15-16 June 2022. This conference, led by Globethics.net India Office in collaboration with Cebu Technological University in the Philippines, will focus on the role of higher education institutions in constructing an ethical life and society.

Eligible papers will be invited to expand the work and be included as a chapter in the final publication. **Volume 2: Towards Knowledge Societies.** After peer review, the papers will be grouped into four sections:

- i. Knowledge Societies and Education
- ii. Knowledge Societies and Humanities
- iii. Knowledge Societies and Information Societies
- iv. Knowledge Societies and Religions

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Conference 3- **“Promoting Ethical Societies through Higher Education” (East Africa) 7-8 July 2022 - 13.00-16.00 CEST / 14.00-17.00 Kenya time**



Human beings possess a reflective awareness of good and bad, right and wrong, just and unjust, etc. Though they may disagree on what is good and what is bad in each situation, they agree that good is to be done and evil is to be avoided. As *homo sapiens*, we distinguish between what seems to be the case and what is the case, and as ethical beings, *homo ethicus*, we distinguish between what is the case and what ought to be the case. Ethics is fundamental to the well-being of individuals and societies and is integral to all aspects of human life.

Many in academia consider that Science, Technology, Literature, Economics, Politics, etc. are not directly related to ethical concerns and instead are value-free. We need, however, an ethically guided and aligned knowledge society where economics and politics are for the well-being of all; thus, ethical education is necessary for all stakeholders - teachers, students, those in the professions, institutions, etc. Personal and social ethics can make a positive difference in all fields of human life and society. To feel fulfilled as humans, we need to be ethical and as in other significant aspects of human life, education is necessary to realise this goal.

Lecturers, researchers, students, ethicists and other experts in related fields are invited to **examine Ethics critically and creatively as a fundamental element of human life and the interrelations between Ethics and other important aspects that constitute us as human beings.**

Selected papers will be part of the Conference **Promoting Ethical Societies through Higher Education**, which will take place on 7-8 July 2022. This conference, led by the Globethics.net East Africa Office in collaboration with the Centre for Social Justice and Ethics (CSJE) at The Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA) and St. Paul University, will focus on the role of higher education institutions in fostering individuals and societies that have respect for the dignity of the human person and strive for the common good.

Eligible papers will be invited to expand the work and be included as a chapter in the final publication. **Volume 3: Towards Ethical Societies.** After peer review, the papers will be conceptually grouped into four sections:

- i. Ethical Interface of Knowledge Societies
- ii. Ethical Interface of Market Societies
- iii. Ethical Interface of Political Societies
- iv. Ethical Interface of Religious Societies

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Selected papers will be invited by the Publication Editorial Board to deepen their work into a chapter of the three-volume, peer-reviewed publication project to be published in the Globethics.net Series.

Be part of it, send us your manuscripts!

Please send your abstracts to the following email and do not hesitate to contact us with any questions: conference@globethics.net.