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**Encouraging Testimonials from users
of the Globethics.net Online Library**



Irene Ludji, Salatiga, Indonesia
Lecturer of Christian Ethics

“I can’t afford to buy books that I urgently need for my teaching in ethics at University level” confessed Irene. She is a lecturer of ethics in the Economic Faculty and the Theological Faculty of the Satya Wacana Christian University UKSW in Salatiga/Indonesia. With 12’000 students and ten faculties it is rated among the best universities in Indonesia. For a full time job she earns as a young lecturer 150 USD per month. “How can I buy a book for 30USD with this salary? It’s excluded. The only way is to take a bus, drive 1.5 hours to the next town Semarang and go to the so called ‘social bookshop’. They sell exclusively illegally copied books. This way, I can get at least a few scientific books from outside Indonesia for 5 USD. That’s the only affordable way to buy a book in print even though it’s illegal. Unethical?

But now I am so excited about the Globethics.net online library which was presented in our university today by the founder of Globethics.net Christoph Stückelberger when he gave lectures. This helps me a lot to get access to incredibly many articles and books, for free.”

Irene registered the same evening on www.globethics.net and downloaded a book on economic ethics. “It took me only four minutes to download a book of 300 pages. I can use the resource directly for my teaching. It will substantially improve my teaching in ethics. I will tell my students and other teachers to use this very helpful Globethics.net resource”. The global network Globethics.net with its books, services and news, is also useful for her doctoral studies and will help her to save money. Irene adds: “It’s difficult to get scholarships for abroad; therefore I may study partly by distant learning and will use the resources in the Globethics.net library. This will reduce my costs for my doctoral studies substantially.” (October 2009)

Jozef Hehanussa, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Lecturer in Indonesian Church History and Peace Ethics

Doctoral student in peace ethics (2006-2010 in Germany), will return as lecturer to Duta Wacana Christian University Yogyakarta/Indonesia and its Center for Peace Studies in 2010. “People often talk about justice. Yet what they very often mean is justice in relationship to economical prosperity. They seldom think about justice in relationship to access to information for better education. I do not only mean the right to access the information via computer or the internet, but also the right to get information from books and journals which provide better quality and increase knowledge. Maybe we do not realize that in this century increasing knowledge, especially by publishing books and journals, is part of a commercial business with the aim of getting more profit. As a doctoral student from a developing country I find the price for these books and journals too high. The scholarship I receive to do my doctoral studies cannot cover the purchase of books I need. Institutions that give scholarships for doctoral students sometimes do not really consider this need for books. Sometimes they think that people can also borrow books from libraries to do their research or to write their thesis or dissertation. However, people like myself who will use these books in the future as university lecturers, will need their own books for teaching.

In this problematic situation, I found that “Globethics.net” provides a good solution, because “Globethics.net” gives a chance to participants to get more information especially regarding books and journal which they need for their study or research. These books and journals can be downloaded for free from the homepage of “Globethics.net”. I registered for free at Globethics.net and found the “Globethics.net” website and library very helpful in my research. I can download books and many articles from journals on peace and justice. I need these to do my research and to write my dissertation on the violent conflicts in the Maluku Islands (Indonesia) and on how the Churches can contribute to peace. In addition, the website navigation is now also available in Indonesian; this a great help to students who are often still struggling with English.

I hope that in the future there will be even more books and journals available on Globethics.net, so that people, especially those who can not afford to buy good quality books or to subscribe to a journal, have more chances to access information for improving their knowledge and their studies.” (November 2009)



Georgine Kengne Djeutane
World Student Christian Federation, Regional Secretary for Africa

“Working with a faith-based organization and striving for peace and justice in the world from the biblical point of view, Globethics.net library offers very rich and informative ethical publications, articles and journals adding value to our ministry. In other words, before the launch of the Globethics.net, it was very difficult for me at the regional office to browse, search for other ethical publications on topics like corruption, climate justice, Human Rights. The core of our activities in WSCF Africa Region is training. Topics tackle are HIV and AIDS, Conflict Resolution, Challenge of Higher Education, Women Empowerment and gender, Advocacy, Trade, Migration, Food Crisis. Our target group are University Students, we are getting more resources and information to uplift the content of our trainings.

In addition, our members – students who are writing their dissertation or thesis, can have access to the library and many confessed that they are getting more useful information in the virtual library. I would like again to congratulate Prof. Dr. Stueckelberger for his inspiration in founding the globethics.net and the tremendous work and information posted on your webpage. May God continue to richly bless you and your entire staff.

Some ask of internet access is good and fast enough to use the library. I know that some have slow access. My access to the library is perfect. When I get your newsletter, I just click on the link at the bottom of your email and Globethics.net website immediately opens. I’m also using sometimes Google and up to now my access to globethics.net website is perfect.

The part of the site I’m using most is the library (scientific articles and journals and newspaper articles). I also use the Globethics.net network to contact other participants, mainly in other African countries, my work place.” (2009)



Michael Kehinde Stephen, Ibadan, Nigeria
Archbishop, Church Leader

He is Archbishop of the Methodist Church in Nigeria and involved in ecumenical efforts in Nigeria and internationally. "I thank Globethics.net for this excellent online library in ethics which is very helpful for me as church leader. I consult the news services and the online library almost every week. It helps me in preparing public statements of our church on current issues of church and society such as corruption, the economic crisis or family or interreligious issues. I want to deal with these challenges from an ethical perspective. I have also invited all theological seminaries in my responsibility and church to use this library in their research and teaching. In addition, Globethics.net's research and the book on 'Responsible Leadership' are crucial for leaders in Africa. I plan to invite Globethics.net to give lectures and workshops at a conference for church leaders on responsible leadership in 2010. I thank Globethics.net for all these wonderful contributions for development in Africa." (Sept 2009)

Glyn Hunter, Zimbabwe
Consultant

"I am working on the Zimbabwean crisis, as well as with the team which is focusing on the rebuilding of Zimbabwe. This online library resource will be exceptionally useful for them and they are delighted to have received the information. In the new Zimbabwe ethics will become a primary focus." (October 2008)

Fr. Richard N. Rwiza, Nairobi, Kenya
Catholic University of Eastern Africa

"Congratulations for initiating the Globethics.net library. It is indeed an important forum for reference on global ethical issues. Globalization, which is the process by which people are being integrated, is one of the defining characteristics of our time. It is my hope that the net library will facilitate connectivity. For the net library to benefit all, it has to take a step to involve those who have been most excluded in the global dialogue.

What affects one part affects the whole. The phenomenon of diversity is not the complete account. Globethics.net needs to facilitate the complex network of interdependence and contribute towards a vision of people living peacefully together. Fundamental ethical values have to be conceived in terms of diverse peoples' cultures. The challenge in this global forum is to respect particular values.

We are indeed challenged with the power of knowledge. In turn, this calls for increasing and improving access of ethical knowledge, not just in developing countries. In most African countries it is not easy to access bibliographical data and documents. The radical extension of human power through various technological developments has raised new questions that need for a new model such as the Globethics.net. It has to facilitate a link between value and power in this age of increasing human power. Our aim is not merely purveying knowledge but also affecting global action." (2008)