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POLITICS AND ETHICS
One-Day National Workshop

Date: Saturday, 14 September 2013
Time: 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
Venue: Multimedia Hall, DVK Central Library, Bangalore
Centre for the Study of World Religions (CSWR), Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore and Globethics.net India jointly organize workshops in collaboration with Christ University to examine critically and creatively the interfaces of “Literature and Ethics,” “Economics and Ethics,” “Politics and Ethics” and “Commerce and Ethics.” These workshops intend to pool together scholars and students from the respective fields who would present their scientific studies, which will be published in print form by *Journal of Dharma* (Dharmaram Journal of Religions and Philosophies) and on the online library of Globethics.net (www.globethics.net).

The workshop on “Politics and Ethics” is on Saturday, 14 September 2013 at Multimedia Hall, DVK Central Library, Bangalore, with the following presentations:

| **Prof Purushottama Bilimoria**<br>University of California-Berkeley and Melbourne University | The Politics of Secularization and Its Moral Discontents/Disenchantments |
| **Dr Joshy Paramthottu**<br>DVK, Bangalore | The Dialectics of Politics and Ethics in Taylor and Gandhi: Connections, Dilemmas and Convergences |
| **Mr Arvind Radhakrishnan**<br>Christ University, Bangalore | The Shadow of Truth: Ethical Concerns in the Writings of Alexander Solzhenitsyn |
| **Dr Cheriyan Alexander**<br>St Joseph’s College, Bangalore | Politics and Ethics of the Welfare State |
| **Adv Davis Panadan**<br>NLSIU, Bangalore | Gender Politics and Quota for Women in India |
| **Prof James Massey**<br>Centre for Dalit / Subaltern Studies, New Delhi | Inter play of Caste, Politics and Reservation in India: Ethical Reflections |
Politics, though complex and difficult, is a human necessity and Ethics is a necessary dimension of human practices. The relation between Politics and Ethics is a contested zone in the regular life of any polity, both in terms of the ethics of office and the ethics of policy, covering the legislative, judiciary and executive domains. Important concerns of politics like justice, liberty, rights and duties, etc., are closely linked to the question of ethics. Though politics involves all of us, people do not place much trust in politics and politicians, who are seen often as selfish and corrupt. Individual citizens also battle out the relationship between their own sense of ethics and political duties imposed upon them by the state. Though it seems that Politics and Ethics are poles apart they are to be brought together for the wellbeing of the individuals and harmony of life in a society.

To examine the complex interrelationships existing between Politics and Ethics, the Centre for the Study of World Religions, Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore and Globethics.net India jointly organize a one-day workshop on Politics and Ethics in collaboration with the School of Law, Christ University, Bangalore. You are cordially invited to participate in the one-day National Workshop on Politics and Ethics.

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