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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IN APPLIED ETHICS



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The international program in applied ethics is jointly promoted by the University of Macerata - 'G. Leopardi' School of Higher Studies, the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) and the Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands).

The program is addressed to **3rd year Bachelor** students and consists in **4 seminars** (20 hours in total), followed by a paper elaboration and presentation by the students in a final discussion. The seminars are given by the teachers of the three universities involved and address different domains of applied ethics.

Every year the Scientific committee decides the topics of the **different domains and the number of participants admitted**. The seminars are held in the first semester of each academic year, between October and December, and take place both in Macerata (for Macerata students), and in Leuven (for Leuven and Nijmegen students). Every teacher gives the same seminar twice: once in Macerata, and once in Leuven.

Before each seminar students are required to prepare, and to do some **preliminary readings**. Readings requirements are defined by each teacher in due time. With regard to the paper elaboration, each student can choose a seminar in which he/she would like to write his/her **final paper**. In order to write the paper, students need do additional readings, according to the indications given by the supervising teacher. The papers will be presented during the final seminar (in Leuven), where all the teachers and students are involved. The final seminar (2 days), dedicated to papers presentation and discussion, takes place in the second semester, usually in the first half of May.

The whole program gives **12 credits** to the students involved.

The seminars given in the academic year 2012/2013 will address the following domains:

BIOETHICS
ECONOMIC ETHICS
ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
LEGAL ETHICS



2012 / 2013 SCHEDULE

LEGAL ETHICS / MARCEL BECKER / Radboud University Nijmegen

27th October 2012 @ Macerata

24th November 2012 @ Leuven

In the seminar we will first discuss a difficulty that each form of professional ethics faces: what is the relation between the professional expertise on one hand and moral knowledge on the other? It will turn out that legal ethics has many faces, as the world of law(-application) has many parts. Secondly, we will discuss the way law as a system is carried by several underlying values. This will bring us to highlight the difference between discussions in a court room and political discussions. Thirdly we will discuss a few areas of application, such as the concept of equity (our guide here will be Aristotle), and punishment. With regard to the latter we will try to answer the following questions: What is the difference between punishment and revenge? Which are the main justifications of punishment?

ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS / PAUL VAN TONGEREN / Radboud University Nijmegen and Catholic University of Leuven & MARTIN DRENTHEN / Radboud University Nijmegen.

10th November 2012 @ Macerata

15th December 2012 @ Leuven

In the seminar we will briefly present and discuss the most important concepts, arguments and theories in the (short) history of environmental ethics. Most of these circle around the questions 'what should we do with regard to our natural environment?' and 'why should we care about (the preservation of) nature?' Notwithstanding the significance of these questions, a third one might be more important yet, i.e. the question of why we usually don't do what we know we should. In the seminar we will spend some time finding out what philosophy could contribute to answering that question.

ECONOMIC ETHICS / BENEDETTA GIOVANOLA / University of Macerata

24th November 2012 @ Macerata

27th October 2012 @ Leuven

The seminar is aimed at analysing the intrinsic connection between ethical issues on the one hand, and economic processes and theories on the other hand. In particular we will focus on the trade-off between efficiency and equity reasons, as well as on the relationship between development, social and global justice. The issues that will be tackled ultimately refer to the following questions: '(why) should economic theories and processes be compatible with the fostering of human flourishing and social justice?' and 'In the era of a globalised economy, are there global or even universal ethical limits to economics?', i.e. '(why) should economics be analysed in the framework of global justice and the promotion of human rights?'

BIOETHICS / ANTOON VANDEVELDE / Catholic University of Leuven

15th December 2012 @ Macerata

10th November 2012 @ Leuven

As population is aging and more expensive treatments of illnesses become available, the problem of just health (care) becomes more acute. The question of how we should allocate scarce resources in the field of health care and prevention has become one of the most challenging topics of our time and of Applied Ethics. In this seminar we will discuss the principles that should guide the design of institutions and policies in the area of health care and other domains that affect the distribution of illness, invalidity and mortality.

FINAL SEMINAR FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS

May 10th – 11th 2013 (Friday and Saturday) in Leuven.