



An ICPR Sponsored National Conference

On

“Exploring the Meeting Ground of Moral, Medical and Legal Aspects of Social Dilemmas in Public Interface”

(An Inter-disciplinary/Multi-disciplinary Approach)

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CONCEPT NOTE

All the conflicting situations and dilemmas that are faced in our life forms, whether they be at the social level or at the individual level, are intricately connected, triggered and are licensed from our moral values and their acceptances. A wide range of perspectives are needed to be brought together to deal with these dilemmas if we are to grapple with what they are, how we are to understand them and

more importantly, the consequences they have for human living, thinking and sustainability. In any society or in interpersonal relationships, a moral outlook or in other words the ethical categorization in terms of good/bad, right and wrong, ethical and unethical, are ever pervasive in all forms of social approval. And a lot of our moral decisions crucially depend on the availability of aids and the present advancement of medical

technology. Due to this, an insight to build awareness becomes an utmost importance. To manoeuvre our medicinal developments and actions, a direct establishment with existing morality is required. Legality, whose main function is to establish standards, maintain order, resolve disputes, and to protect liberties and rights of Human beings for their mutual prosperity, decides on the implementation of these advancements. Encountering this, a necessity to take up the challenge to promote and build a closer relationship between theory and practice with the goal of contributing to the solutions appertaining the moral, the medical and the legal issues comes to us as an imperative. Since, these issues are intricately woven together; an isolated discourse on any one of them distinctly is impossible, and hence comes an effortful push to bring them together under the lens to augment and to build a comprehensive vision, paving a way to resolve the problems of public life in an all-inclusive manner and to deliberate upon the existing social dilemmas in a global portal.

Further, to understand and address these staggering social

dilemmas, we must look beyond the role of individual agents. Moreover, we need a deeper understanding of the societal and normative status of the collective entities implicated in the creation, amelioration, and possible eradication of the harms caused by these problems before we can develop appropriate ethical frameworks and practical responses. The vitality to investigate and envisage an attempt to provide unlimited resources to create a global network which will deepen the dialogue between empirical research, theoretical conceptualizations and public discourses on social dilemmas in the pursuit of a nuanced and empirically sensitive conception of a good society from moral, medical and legal perspectives is therefore inevitable.

The recent literature and research on collective action and collective intention has already made significant progress in developing conceptual frameworks for understanding groups such as corporations and goal-oriented collectives as collective agents that can be held morally responsible for their actions. It is time to consider further related questions and add depth and

breadth to this debate. By discussing the perennial social problems, viz. cybercrime, euthanasia, child abuse, honour killings, are just to name a few, which often pose themselves in the form of grim dilemmas in public interface, there is an earnest need to advance the current moral, legal and medical debates and to bring forth the realisation of deep sense of responsibility in us by bringing in new theoretical, disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches. This can be done only by an engagement with an expanded range of questions and practical applications pertaining to these confounding intangible predicaments that are presently existing in our Indian societies.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will reflect on the phenomenon of Applied Ethics in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary/multi-disciplinary manner, encompassing a variety of theoretical perspectives and contemporary empirical research that shed light on the complex ways in which people experience different social phenomena and articulate its critique through conference and publications.

Our target group will comprise academicians, research scholars (PhD and M.Phil.), students (undergraduate and postgraduate), practitioners including philosophers, ethicists, lawyers, sociologists, life scientists, doctors, literary writers/artists, representatives of NGOs, civil servants, journalists, social activists, environmentalists and political theorists from all over the country, who will focus and deliberate upon different dimensions of social dilemmas in the larger public domain and the ways to measure and find solutions to them. The topics of conference for submission include but not limited to the following themes and subthemes.

Conference Themes

Theme 1: Life & Death

1. Euthanasia
2. Abortion
3. Suicide/Right to Die
4. Capital Punishment/Death Penalty
5. Female Foeticide
6. Infanticide
7. Murder

Theme 2: Individual and Society

8. Human Cloning

9. Live-in Relationship
10. Nudism
11. Gerontology
12. Verbal Abuse and Gossip
13. Addiction
14. Family & Parenthood
15. Truth and Lying (Honesty)
16. Extra marital Affairs
17. Discrimination on the basis of diseases
18. Discrimination against Differently Aabled
19. Language, Dialect and Accent
20. Charity

Theme 3: Sexuality and Oppression

21. Domestic Violence
22. Rape/Molestation
23. Pre-marital Sex
24. Prostitution/ Human Trafficking
25. Incest
26. Child Abuse
27. Homosexuality/ LGBTQ Rights
28. Objectification of Women
29. Patriarchy
30. Honour Killing

Theme 4: Labour

31. Child Labour
32. Chrematistics
33. Surrogacy

34. Hunger and Poverty
35. Teacher- Student Relationship
36. Doctor- Patient Relationship
37. Lawyer- Client Relationship
38. Occupational Safety and Health
39. Grade Inflation (Favouritism)
40. Criminal Justice and Rehabilitation

Theme 5: Business Ethics

41. Bribery and Corruption
42. Ethics of Marketing
43. Consumer law and Ethics
44. Publication Ethics
45. Ethics of Taxation

Theme 6: Media Ethics

46. Censorship
47. Ethics of/ in Advertising
48. Idealization of Body Image in Media
49. Hypersexualisation
50. Sex and Violence in Films/ Media
51. Privacy/ Confidentiality
52. Cyber-crime/ Cyber-space

Theme 7: Environmental Ethics

53. Ecofeminism
54. Animal Rights/ Experimentation
55. Bio- Ethics
56. Nature as Means or Ends?

- 57. Social Responsibility and Health
- 58. Veganism/ Vegetarianism/ Non-Vegetarianism
- 59. Machine Ethics and Ethics of Technology
- 60. Hygiene
- 61. Population Control

Submission of Registration Form

All the authors and participants are requested to register themselves by sending the duly filled Registration form latest by **30th September 2016** at

<http://goo.gl/forms/ZgLLpshSSTPmEmXo2> (for authors)

<http://goo.gl/forms/qqF64CfaWiRo2vOB3> (for participants)

Abstract Submission

Abstracts not exceeding **250-300 words** on any of the aforesaid themes should be sent to us at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZgLLpshSSTPmEmXo2> on or before **15th August 2016**. In case you are not able to upload your abstract then send us the same at

appliedethicsconf.drc16@gmail.com

Notification of the acceptance of the Abstract

The abstracts selected by editorial board will be notified to the authors through email.

Submission of Full Length Research Paper

Full length research paper with the maximum word limit of **6 pages (3500 words)**, and copyright form should be submitted together as a separate attachment latest by **15th September 2016** through email at appliedethicsconf.drc16@gmail.com

The full length research paper will be reviewed by the editorial board and accepted papers would be published in the conference proceeding/journal.

Notification of the acceptance of the Full Paper

The authors of selected research papers would be notified through email.

Accommodation

As per availability at University guest house and International guest house.

Important Note:

1. Undergraduate and Postgraduate students who wish to participate in the conference for oral presentation are supposed to do the same under the guidance of a Mentor.

2. Those who are physically present in the conference will be issued participation and oral research presentation certificate.

The conference proceedings in the form of a book with ISBN number containing selected papers presented at the National Conference is likely to be published.

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