

# 7th Annual Australasian Business Ethics Network (ABEN) Conference

RMIT University, 11 – 12 December 2017

## ABEN Doctoral Workshop

Swinburne University, 10 December 2017

### Business Ethics and the Public Interest

## Call for Papers

The ABEN conference brings academics together to discuss and debate the nature, intent, effects and futures of business ethics in Australasia and beyond. It is a key forum in the region for reflective, engaged and philosophical work on business ethics.

The location for this year's conference is RMIT University located in the heart of Melbourne with the doctoral workshop taking place at Swinburne University of Technology. The conference is very inclusive and welcomes submissions that explore business ethics from a range of theoretical, empirical and practical positions and perspectives.

Submissions are now invited for the **7th Annual ABEN Conference on Business Ethics**. The conference will begin on the afternoon of the 10 of December 2017 with a Doctoral workshop hosted by Swinburne University at their Hawthorn campus followed by a Welcome Reception for all participants held at RMIT University. Sessions for the delivery of papers will be held at the RMIT Melbourne Campus on 11 and 12 December 2017.

The ABEN conference and doctoral workshop will take place just after the ANZAM Conference 2017 (also held at RMIT University, Melbourne, from 6 to 8 December 2017; for details, see <http://www.anzam.org/>).

### ABEN Conference 11, 12 December 2017

#### Abstract and Full Paper Submission Deadline: 31 August 2017

The theme for this year's conference is Business Ethics and the Public Interest. We are seeking to promote the relationship between ethical practices at work and across organizations and broader public economic, social, political and environmental interests. This includes but is not limited to questions of:

- Corporate social responsibility and sustainability
- Questions of public interest raised by the practices of management
- Critical business ethics
- Business ethics education
- Ethics in human resource management (Ethics and employees)
- Leadership
- Marketing
- Accounting, and
- Financial management in large and small organizations.

We encourage the submission of papers that question, critique, support or encourage the role that businesses can or do play in the public interest both explicitly in their CSR activities or implicitly as a consequence of their modes of operating and managing people and resources in the global economy.

#### Submission Instructions

If you wish to make a submission for presentation at the ABEN Conference, please send a 500-word abstract, by 31 August 2017. Full papers may also be submitted, to be peer reviewed if required by your funding institution.

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#### Become an ABEN Member

If you wish to become an ABEN member, please visit [www.aben.org.au](http://www.aben.org.au) or contact Rob Macklin ([rob.macklin@utas.edu.au](mailto:rob.macklin@utas.edu.au)).

#### How to Register

It is essential for all ABEN 2017 Conference participants to complete the online registration form together with payment of the applicable registration fee. To be entitled to the Early Bird Registration fee you must have registered and paid by the closing date of 10 November 2017. Should you require any assistance with the online registration process, please contact the Conference Managers, CLEMS Event Management on Email: [aben2017@clems.com.au](mailto:aben2017@clems.com.au) or Phone: +613 9416 3833.

#### Key dates

Now Open	<b>Call for Papers</b> ABEN Conference 2017
Now Open	<b>Registration</b>
31/08/2017	<b>Deadline for Submission of Papers</b>
02/10/2017	<b>Notification of Accepted Papers</b>
10/11/2017	<b>Early Bird Registration Closes / Deadline for Presenters to Register</b>
10/12/2017	<b>ABEN Doctoral Workshop,</b> Swinburne University, Hawthorn Campus
10/12/2017	<b>Welcome Reception</b> RMIT University
11/12/2017 12/12/2017	<b>ABEN Conference</b> RMIT University, Building 80, 445 Swanston Street, Melbourne

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The 7th ABEN Conference will start with a dedicated workshop for Ph.D. students. Regardless of the stage of your candidature, you can expect to benefit from this professional development activity by showcasing your work to experienced scholars in your field. It will help you identify where your research fits in an international academic context and provide you with an opportunity to discuss questions beyond your dissertation (such as managing the supervisory relationship, how to find and work with co-authors, understanding reviewing and publishing processes). You will also meet with other students undertaking research in the field of Business Ethics and will, therefore, be a great opportunity for developing cooperative relationships.

The ABEN Doctoral Workshop will be hosted by Swinburne University of Technology during the afternoon of 10 December.

### How to Register

Pre-registration for this workshop is essential, as the number of participants will be limited. Register online via ABEN 2017 Conference website. Please contact Julia Benkert at [jbenkert@swin.edu.au](mailto:jbenkert@swin.edu.au) with any questions.

## Jan Schapper Scholarship in Critical Business Ethics

Also, as in previous years, the Jan Schapper Scholarship in Critical Business Ethics is being offered for a Ph.D. student, early career researcher or another worthy recipient. The Scholarship was founded in 2015 to encourage critical approaches to business ethics at the ABEN annual meeting.

Jan Schapper was one of the founders of ABEN. She was born in 1951 in rural Victoria, Australia. She studied her Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education at La Trobe University in Melbourne. After a career in teaching and trade unions, she joined Monash University as an academic in the mid-1990s, gaining her Ph.D. in 2004. She worked at Monash's Department of Management for 15 years before returning to La Trobe in 2010.

Jan retired in 2013. Deeply immersed in feminist, Marxist and psychoanalytic scholarship, Jan's research interests included higher education, critical approaches to business ethics and CSR, and workplace equality and diversity.

Jan wanted to make a contribution and to get to the things that mattered, in particular, teaching and learning. She was especially keen that as a scholarly community we pay attention to questions of critical pedagogy, teaching, and learning, and to ensure that we provide supportive and friendly environments in which future scholars can develop their work. Jan died surrounded by her family and friends on September 24, 2014. It is deeply fitting that this award is named in Jan's honor.

The Jan Schapper Scholarship in Critical Business Ethics comprises a bursary and the waiving of the ABEN conference registration fee.

If you would like to be considered for the scholarship, please indicate this in writing on your abstract/paper submission for the ABEN conference. Participants whose abstracts/papers are eligible for the scholarship will be invited to submit a full paper by 15 September 2017. A decision on the awarding of the scholarship will be made in early October.

## On behalf of the ABEN 2017 Conference Organising Committee

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