

School of Accounting



9th Annual Australasian Business Ethics Network (ABEN) Conference 2019

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RMIT University, Melbourne

8 - 10 December 2019

Doctoral workshop: 8th December 2019 at Swinburne University of Technology

**“Business Ethics: new challenges, better theories,
practical solutions”**

Submissions are now invited for the 9th Annual Australasian Business Ethics Network (ABEN) Conference, to be hosted by the School of Accounting, RMIT University, Melbourne.

The theme for this year’s conference is **Business Ethics: new challenges, better theories, practical solutions**. Contemporary society and businesses require trust built on ethical foundations to ensure good governance, transparency and efficient cooperation. Continuing revelations of unethical behaviour in different sectors discovered by a number of Royal Commissions in Australia shed a light on old and new challenges for business ethics academia and practice. Technological, geopolitical and social developments pose new issues for investigation. These changes require the development, reassessment and reconceptualization of ethics theories for organisations that provide better understanding and practical solutions. What are the roles of individuals, organisations, government, civil society, academia and professionals in building trust, transparency and ethical conduct? How can business ethics enable us to solve business problems?

We also welcome papers on broader business ethics topics, whether theoretical or empirical, including (but not limited to):

- Indigenous ethics and indigenous philosophy
- Corporate social responsibility, sustainability, and irresponsibility
- Sustainable development goals
- Artificial intelligence, technology and ethics
- Managerial ethics
- Religiosity, spirituality, and ethnicity
- Accounting ethics
- Law and ethics
- Ethics in finance
- Ethics for complexity and complex adaptive systems

- Critical business ethics
- Business ethics education
- Ethics in human resource management
- Ethics of care (vs. ethics of justice)
- Leadership and ethics
- Marketing ethics
- Managing wicked ethical problems
- Emergence and evolution of ethics
- Ethics and trust
- Behavioural business ethics
- Global governance, organisations and ethics

If you wish to make a submission for presentation at the ABEN Conference, please submit a 500-word abstract **by 30 September 2019**. Full papers may also be submitted, to be peer reviewed if required by your funding institution.

Papers and abstracts can be submitted by email to Dr Andrew West at andrew.west@qut.edu.au.

Jan Schapper Scholarship in Critical Business Ethics

As in previous years, the **Jan Schapper Scholarship in Critical Business Ethics** is being offered for a PhD student, early career researcher or other worthy recipient and comprises a bursary and the waiving of the ABEN conference registration fee. The Scholarship was founded in 2015 to encourage critical approaches to business ethics at the ABEN annual meeting. If you would like to be considered for the scholarship, please indicate this when registering for the ABEN conference; eligible participants should submit a full paper to andrew.west@qut.edu.au by 31 October 2019. A decision on the award will be made by independent judges in November.

Jan Schapper was one of the founders of ABEN and worked at Monash's Department of Management for 15 years before returning to La Trobe in 2010. 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. She was especially keen that as a scholarly community we pay attention to questions of critical pedagogy, teaching and learning, and to ensuring 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. Further information is available at <https://aben.org.au/jan-schapper-scholarships/>.

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