Society for Business Ethics

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWERS

Sonesta Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 31 JANUARY 2026

The Society for Business Ethics (SBE) welcomes scholarly submissions and reviewers for its 2026 Annual Conference. Please upload your submissions at the website: https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sbeconference. Only electronic submissions to this website in PDF format will be considered. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the program, please contact the **Program Chair, Rosemarie Monge**: programchair@sbeonline.org. Information regarding the conference registration and hotel is available at the SBE website: https://sbeonline.org/

In collaboration with SBE's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Junior Scholars Network, the Annual Conference will have a hybrid (online and in-person) format. The hybrid session is designed to increase access and engagement, and the online option is intended for scholars who cannot attend in person due to political barriers, economic constraints, or health concerns. The details of the hybrid session are a work in progress but are expected to include opportunities for online presentations and online access to portions of the meeting. During the submission process, you will be asked to specify your intended mode of participation (online or in person).

We accept six types of submissions, as follows:

1) Paper Submissions: Papers present original scholarly work in business ethics. Submissions should be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and limited to 30 pages (without references). Manuscripts must be prepared for blind review, excluding author-identifying information. Submissions require a title, abstract (250 words), five keywords, and at least three submission codes (listed below) indicating topic areas and methodologies.

2) Agora Submissions: The Agora format, inspired by classical Greek public forums, welcomes submissions communicating business ethics concepts for general audiences while maintaining scholarly rigor. Submissions follow the same format requirements as regular papers but are evaluated on the basis of their critical engagement with the literature, clarity, and practical implications. Accepted submissions will be presented in special sessions using innovative and accessible presentation styles.

3) Panel Submissions: Panels are thematically organized sessions intended to advance theoretical understanding, analyze the implications of recent business or public policy developments, or provide pedagogical guidance. Submissions should be 3-6 pages (without references), double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and identify the chair and all proposed participants by name, address, phone number, and email address. Proposals should

include a title, abstract (250 words), rationale, format description, and each panelist's contribution.

4) Workshop Submissions: Workshops are interactive learning sessions focused on scholarly development or pedagogy, although other types of submissions are welcome. Submissions should be 3-6 pages (without references), double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and include a title, abstract (250 words), rationale, workshop plan, and the leaders' qualifications. There will be no more than three workshop leaders per session.

5) Emerging Scholars Submissions: Individual Ph.D. candidates may submit an anonymized abstract of between 1,500 and 2,000 words (not including references) describing a research project in business ethics or related domains. The abstract should include a brief list of relevant citations. In addition to being able to present their ideas in a paper session, students whose submissions are accepted will be invited to attend a half-day in-person workshop with senior SBE mentors. Although a Ph.D. student may be an Emerging Scholar more than once, priority is given to those who have not previously been accepted into the SBE conference program as an Emerging Scholar. Candidates should not submit both a full paper (to the Paper Submissions category) and an abstract for the same paper to the Emerging Scholar program.

6) "Coffee with an Author" Submissions: These sessions combine scholarly critique with informal discussion of business ethics monographs or textbooks. Book reviewers submit a critical review of a business ethics book, assessing its rigor, academic impact or pedagogical value. Submissions should be 3-6 pages, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with a confirmation of the book author(s)' willingness to attend the session. Reviewers will lead the session, introduce the author(s) and book, present their critical analysis, and facilitate a roundtable discussion with the author(s) and audience. Multiple "Coffee with an Author" tables will run in parallel during a refreshment break.

All submissions must be uploaded to the website (https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sbeconference) in **PDF format**. Submissions lacking any required elements will not be considered for review.

POLICIES

Correspondent Designation: The author making the submission serves as the designated "Correspondent" for all communications regarding that submission.

Author-Identifying Information: All required author-identifying information is collected during the submission process through the ScholarOne system. Therefore, Papers, Agora submissions, and Emerging Scholar submissions must not contain author-identifying information in any form. Panel and Workshop submissions must include participant information for evaluation purposes. And "Coffee with an Author" must include the book's author but not the book reviewer's identity. Submissions in violation of these identification requirements will be rejected.

Conference Attendance: Acceptance of a submission constitutes a commitment to attend the conference as a registered participant and present the work. For panels and workshops, all listed participants must attend. For Coffee with an Author sessions, both the reviewer and at least one book author must attend. Conference acceptances and a preliminary program schedule will be announced in April. Once the program has been announced, schedule conflicts should be reported to the Program Chair immediately and no later than May 15. Non-compliance may affect acceptance decisions for future conferences.

Multiple Submissions (i.e., the "Rule of Two"): Each author is limited to two submissions of any sort, regardless of author order. This limit excludes service as a Program Committee-appointed session chair. Submissions in violation of this rule will be rejected.

Author Qualifications and Notifications: All corresponding authors must hold a graduate degree, be enrolled in a graduate program, or have commensurate practical experience working in business ethics or a related field.

Reviewers: To guarantee a program schedule that adheres to a strict timeline, your immediate assistance and cooperation are of utmost importance. We need reviewers who can promptly evaluate submissions, thus expediting the process. **All submissions imply a commitment on behalf of all named authors, panelists, workshop leaders, book reviewers, or named book authors on that submission to provide a minimum of <u>two</u> timely and complete peer reviews of other conference submissions.** (The only exception to this rule is for book co-authors who not participating in "Coffee with an Author" sessions.) **SBE welcomes and strongly encourages others to volunteer as peer reviewers by following the "Create An Account" tab at the submissions website: https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sbeconference**. Previous conference participants (since 2015) retain existing accounts. SBE invites reviewers to accurately complete their profiles to ensure that review assignments match their expertise. Failure to submit timely and complete assigned reviews will detrimentally impact the odds of having manuscripts or proposals accepted for the conference.

Participant Inclusion and Attestation: All submissions must include names and email addresses of all participants. The correspondent author must confirm that all participants are aware of their inclusion, accept their review responsibilities, understand the "Rule of Two" submission limit, and acknowledge attendance requirements. Submissions that fail to provide this attestation will be rejected.

Desk Rejection:
The Program Chair reserves the right to reject submissions without external review if they fail to meet the conference requirements or if the submission is unsuitable for external review for any reason, including but not limited to the above provisions. The Program Chair has the right to reject a program submission after review if, in their opinion, the authors have violated the policies above.

Submission Codes: To facilitate matching submissions with reviewers, paper submissions should also include a three-letter code according to the following (list at least one number from Theoretical Perspectives, Application Contexts, and Methodologies (e.g., T-6; A-4; M-1)). Submissions will be considered that do not "fit" any of these categories. For submissions that do not fit, please choose T-21, A-28, and/or M-8 (Other).

Theoretical Perspectives
T-1 Accounting Theory
T-2 Comparative ethics/ Pluralism
T-3 Consequentialism
T-4 CSR/corporate citizenship theory
T-5 Critical theory
T-6 Deontological ethics
T-7 Economics (micro or macro)
T-8 Feminism/Care ethics
T-9 Finance Theory
T-10 Legal studies
T-11 Marketing Theory
T-12 Organizational behavior/psychology
T-13 Organizational theory/sociology
T-14 Pedagogy
T-15 Political theory
T-16 Religion/Theology
T-17 Social contract theory
T-18 Stakeholder theory
T-19 Strategic management
T-20 Virtue ethics
T-21 Other

Application Contexts
A-1 Accounting
A-2 Business & human rights
A-3 Competitive practices
A-4 Corruption/Bribery
A-5 Corporate communications/Transparency/Media relations
A-6 Corporate governance
A-7 Corporate reporting/accountability programs
A-8 Corporate social responsibility
A-9 Corporate/Industry self-regulation
A-10 Distributive/Procedural justice
A-11 Employment & labor issues
A-12 Entrepreneurship
A-13 Ethical decision making & behavior
A-14 Environmental Sustainability
A-15 Finance
A-16 International business/ TNCs/Globalization
A-17 Industry specific issues
A-18 Information Technology/Internet
A-19 Legal/Regulatory issues
A-20 Marketing/Advertising
A-21 Organizational culture
A-22 Organizational ethics programs/initiatives
A-23 Small & medium sized enterprises.
A-24 Social/Ethical investing
A-25 Spiritualty/Religion in workplace
A-26 Teaching/Curriculum
A-27 Stakeholder Relations
A-28 Other

Methodologies
M-1 Analytical/Conceptual/ Theoretical
M-2 Case study (single case or comparative cases)
M-3 Historical
M-4 Qualitative (e.g., interview, participant-observer, ethnographic)
M-5 Quantitative data (experimental)
M-6 Quantitative data (field)
M-7 Quantitative data (measure development)
M-8 Other