Society for Business Ethics

Call for Submissions and Reviewers

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The Society for Business Ethics (SBE) welcomes scholarly submissions and reviewers for its 2027 Annual Conference. Please upload submissions at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sbeconference. Only electronic submissions through this website, in PDF format, will be considered. For questions or suggestions regarding the program, please contact the **Program Chair, Joé T. Martineau** (HEC Montréal): sbe2027@hec.ca. Information regarding conference registration and accommodation will be posted at https://sbeonline.org/. SBE 2027 is primarily an in-person conference; limited online participation may be approved under the conditions outlined below.

For 2027, SBE is introducing extended abstract submissions as a pilot alongside its established full paper format. This additional submission option welcomes substantive normative, conceptual, and empirical research, including work in progress, and offers a shorter route to consideration for the scholarly program. Full papers will continue to undergo the standard anonymous peer-review process.

We accept seven types of submissions, as follows:

1) Full Paper Submissions: Full papers present original scholarly work in business ethics. Submissions should be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, and no longer than 30 pages, excluding references. Manuscripts must be prepared for anonymous review, without author-identifying information. When submitting, authors must provide a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words, five keywords, and at least three submission codes, as specified below. Full papers will undergo the standard anonymous peer-review process. Conference paper awards are reserved for eligible full papers submitted in this category and accepted through that process.

2) Extended Abstract Submissions — New for 2027: Authors may submit an anonymized extended abstract of 1,000–1,200 words, excluding references but including footnotes. Submissions should be double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font. Normative, conceptual, and empirical contributions, including substantive work in progress, are welcome. Abstracts should present the research question, positioning in the literature, central argument or research approach, and contribution. Empirical submissions should distinguish available findings from planned analyses. Submissions require a title, five keywords, and at least three submission codes.

Extended abstracts will be selected anonymously by a dedicated committee with normative and empirical expertise, separately from the standard external peer-review process. Authors will not receive detailed reviewer reports. Accepted contributions will join regular thematic sessions. Extended abstracts are not eligible for conference paper awards. The same work may not be submitted as both a full paper and an extended abstract.

3) Agora Submissions: Agora submissions communicate business ethics concepts to general audiences while maintaining scholarly rigor. They follow the manuscript and formatting requirements for full papers,

including anonymous preparation, but are evaluated on their critical engagement with the literature, clarity, and practical implications. Accepted submissions will be presented in special sessions using innovative and accessible presentation styles.

4) Panel Submissions: Panels advance theoretical understanding, analyze business or public policy developments, or provide pedagogical guidance. Proposals should be 3–6 pages, excluding references, double-spaced, and in 12-point Times New Roman font. Include a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words, a rationale, the proposed format, and each panelist's contribution. Identify the chair and all participants by name, affiliation, and contact information, and enter every participant in the submission system.

5) Workshop Submissions: Workshops are interactive sessions typically focused on scholarly development or pedagogy; other topics are welcome. Proposals should be 3–6 pages, excluding references, double-spaced, and in 12-point Times New Roman font. Include a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words, a rationale, a workshop plan, and the leaders' qualifications. No more than three leaders may be proposed; all must be identified in the proposal and entered in the submission system.

6) Emerging Scholars Submissions: Ph.D. candidates may submit business ethics or related research projects through an anonymized abstract of 750–1,000 words, excluding references, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with relevant citations. Enter contact information and affiliation separately in the submission system. Accepted presenters participate in the Emerging Scholars Program, including a half-day mentoring workshop with senior SBE scholars. Previous Emerging Scholars may apply again, but priority is given to first-time participants. This program has its own selection process and remains distinct from the new extended abstract category.

7) Coffee with an Author Submissions: These sessions combine scholarly critique and informal discussion of business ethics monographs or textbooks. Submit a constructively critical review of 3–6 pages, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, assessing the book's rigor, academic impact, or pedagogical value. Confirm the participating book author(s)' willingness to attend. Identify the book and participating author(s), but not the reviewer, in the uploaded manuscript; enter all participants in the submission system. The reviewer will introduce the book and author(s), present the critique, and facilitate discussion.

Policies

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

Author-Identifying Information: Required identifying information is collected through ScholarOne. Full papers, extended abstracts, Agora manuscripts, and Emerging Scholars abstracts must not contain author-identifying information in the uploaded document. Panel and workshop proposals must identify all participants. Coffee with an Author submissions must identify the book and its participating author(s), but not the book reviewer. All author, panelist, workshop leader, and participating book author information must be entered in the appropriate system fields. Submissions that do not meet the applicable anonymity requirements may be rejected.

Conference Attendance: Acceptance constitutes a commitment to register for the conference and present the accepted work. For panels and workshops, all listed participants must participate; for Coffee with an Author, the reviewer and at least one book author must participate. Presenters are expected to be available throughout the conference and to respect their assigned presentation time. Decisions and a preliminary program are expected in April 2027. Schedule conflicts should be reported to the Program

Chair immediately after the program is announced and no later than 15 May 2027. Changes cannot be guaranteed. Failure to honor participation commitments may affect consideration for future conferences.

Limited Online Participation: To support equitable access, a limited number of online presentations may be accommodated for contributors facing substantial barriers to attending in person, including disability or health-related needs, caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship, or visa and travel restrictions. Requests must be made at the time of submission, with a brief explanation of the barrier; sensitive personal details are not required. Requests will be assessed separately from scholarly submissions and are subject to approval by the Program Chair and available capacity. Acceptance of a contribution does not guarantee an online presentation slot. Approved online presentations will take place in separate online sessions.

Multiple Submissions and the Rule of Two: Each person is limited to inclusion on two submissions of any type, regardless of author order. Extended abstracts count toward this limit in the same way as full papers and other submissions. Service as a Program Committee-appointed session chair does not count toward the limit. The same work may not be submitted both as a full paper and as an extended abstract. Submissions in violation of these requirements may be rejected.

Author Qualifications: 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. The Emerging Scholars category is reserved for Ph.D. candidates.

Review Responsibilities: Submitting a contribution entails a commitment by its authors and co-authors to provide timely and complete peer reviews of other conference submissions when assigned, subject to their expertise and conflicts of interest. This obligation also applies to extended abstract authors, even though their own submissions are assessed by a dedicated committee. Book co-authors who are not participating in a Coffee with an Author session are exempt.

Call for Reviewers: SBE welcomes and strongly encourages additional volunteers to serve as peer reviewers. To volunteer, create or update an account at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sbeconference and complete the reviewer profile. Previous participants should use their existing accounts. Full paper submissions will continue to receive the standard anonymous peer review; extended abstracts will be selected through the separate committee process described above.

Conference Paper Awards: Conference paper awards, including the Outstanding Conference Paper Award and the Best Practical Solutions Award, are reserved for full papers submitted in the Full Paper category and accepted following the standard anonymous peer-review process, subject to the specific criteria of each award. Extended abstracts are not eligible. Providing a full manuscript after acceptance of an extended abstract does not establish eligibility for these awards.

Participant Inclusion and Attestation: The names and email addresses of all authors, panelists, workshop leaders, book reviewers, and participating book authors must be included in the submission system. The Correspondent must confirm that all named participants are aware of their inclusion, accept the applicable review responsibilities, understand the Rule of Two, and acknowledge the conference participation requirements. For panels and workshops, entering participant names only in the uploaded proposal is insufficient. Submissions that lack the required information or attestation may be rejected.

Desk Rejection: The Program Chair reserves the right to reject a submission without external review if it does not meet conference requirements or is otherwise unsuitable for review. The Program Chair may also reject a submission after review if its authors have violated conference policies.

Submission Codes: To facilitate reviewer matching, committee assessment, and thematic session planning, full paper, extended abstract, and Agora submissions must include at least one code from each of the following categories: Theoretical Perspectives, Application Contexts, and Methodologies (for

example, T-6; A-4; M-1). Work that does not fit the listed categories is welcome; please use T-21, A-28, and/or M-8 as appropriate. The codes are listed on the following page.

For questions about submission categories or conference policies, please contact Joé T. Martineau, Program Chair, at sbe2027@hec.ca.

Submission codes

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

Application Contexts continued

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 Spirituality / 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