

Leadership and Ethics News Around the World

In line with our vision of sharing knowledge that improves the way managers lead and live in Africa and the world, we bring you a section of interesting headlines relating to Leadership and Ethics in the global community.

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COVID-19 vaccination disparity raises vexed questions of ethics and economics

How vaccines can be fairly distributed to the global population is a question that has vexed world leaders and international agencies since the first shots offering protection against the coronavirus disease became available at the end of last year. The issue was high on the agenda of the recent World Health Organization (WHO) general assembly, and the G7 heads of state are bound to further ponder the matter when they meet face to face in a Cornish resort in the UK this weekend.

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Google says it's committed to ethical Al research. Its ethical Al team isn't so sure.

Six months after star Al ethics researcher Timnit Gebru said Google fired her over an academic paper scrutinizing a technology that powers some of the company's key products, the company says it's still deeply committed to ethical AI research. It promised to double its research staff studying responsible Al to 200 people, and CEO Sundar Pichai has pledged his support to fund more ethical AI projects. Jeff Dean, the company's head of Al, said in May that while the controversy surrounding Gebru's departure was a "reputational hit," it's time to move on.



The Méndez Principles: Leadership to Transform Interrogation via Science, Law, and Ethics

The principles reflect what Méndez wrote in his 2016 report: "The sophisticated normative frameworks in place often do not translate into a reduction in practices of torture, ill treatment or coercion during questioning." But remarkable efforts over the previous decades coming from an unexpected quarter — science — could fortify the fields of legality and ethics, and provided an opportunity and path forward.

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Entrepreneurs In Training: Ethics 101

Saving lives, improving the quality of life for people where no treatment existed before is a great feeling and a really good reason to get up

and go to work every day. But I have to tell you, even in a space like mine, as an entrepreneur you are going to run into moral dilemmas, just in the course of day-to-day business. There will be tests of your character. Read More.

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Become Happier in Work and Life: The Four-way View

This tool is designed to be customized by you, for you. So keep that your subjective mind judgment is all that matters. For involvement instance, your community and society is whatever this means to you, and not what others hold as important to them. It may be about giving money to charity, helping your friends, cleaning up your neighborhood, getting involved in groups working to make the world a better place, or raising children that will be good citizens.



How to Bring Your Conscience to Work

A worker sees a systemic problem, such as a pervasive practice of inflating expense reports, rationalizes inaction: Everybody does it. It's a little thing. Nobody will care. Don't make trouble. "Of course, it's when you don't make trouble for yourself that you've just denied your values. And whether you know it or not, you've left a little scar [indicating] that your values aren't worth speaking up for".

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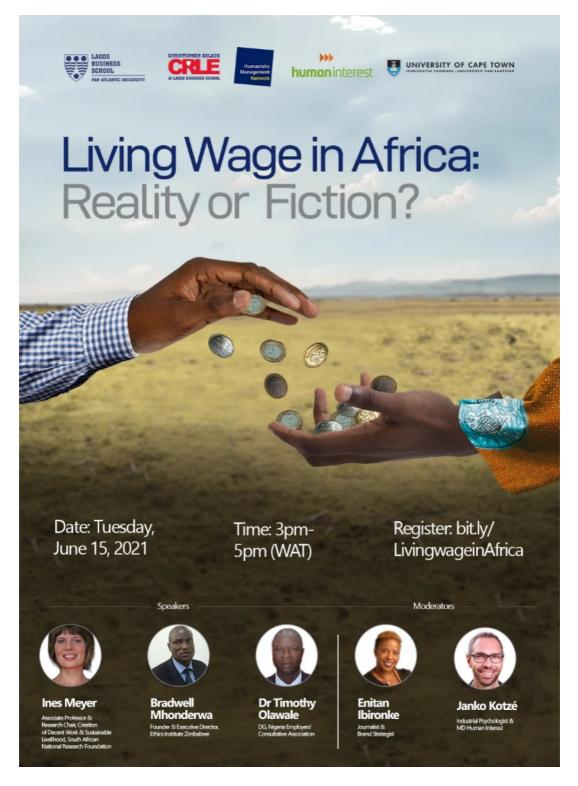


Staff who view managers as 'ethical' likely to challenge wrongdoing

Professor Olga Epitropaki, from Durham University Business School, said: "Following on from a number of corporate scandals, there is a consensus that leaders must be ethical in their actions. Research has proven that ethical leadership improves job performance and workers attitudes, but little is known on whether it makes workers challenge others on ethical practices – an important company culture to have in organisations if you want to reduce all unethical practices and behaviours."

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Upcoming Event



As advocacy for living wage increases all over the world, there is a need for similar discussions and advocacy in Africa. Living wage denotes the amount needed to live an adequate standard of life and should be the right of every employee. A living wage ensures salaried employees can meet their needs and uphold their dignity. In Africa, 85% of the population live below 6 dollars a day (Aguilar et al, 2019). This is way below globally accepted minimum wages and has led to a significant brain drain on the continent.

At the first-ever Pan African Event of the Humanistic Management Network, we would explore discussions along these lines. What are the challenges to attaining set minimum wages in African countries and what do they portend for the goal of a living wage? How has corruption on the continent contributed to the inability to maintain minimum wages? Are there existing policies that support living wages in Africa? Is there any hope of attaining living wages in Africa? Join us on Tuesday, June 15 to know more.

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Call for Papers



Handbook of Case Studies in Technoentrepreneurship

Techno-entrepreneurship has become a vibrant field for the past 20 years, at the intersection of

entrepreneurship, technology management and innovation. As for other nascent research areas, most intellectual contributions have mixed conceptual and empirical discussions, drawing on primary data and examples. More recently, there has been a growing interest in case studies.

Submission guidelines

Scope: Any organizational/strategic case in the domain of technoentrepreneurship.

Length: 5-8000 words, excluding figures, tables, appendixes, and references.

Style: it must be written as a case study depicting the situation of an organization.

Teaching note: A 1000 words maximum note must be attached to present the main objectives of the case

the main questions, and the main findings/salient points.

Referencing style: Harvard referencing style.

Draft Submission deadline: September 30th, 2021.

Please submit contributions and any queries to: francois@therin.com

Access the full call here.

Theme: Economic Justice and the Common Good

DePaul University, Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, is looking for academics,



practitioners and young scholars that have an interest in and commitment to the study and discussion of business and professional ethics. They require a one page proposal, including an abstract, and are actively seeking proposals which address important issues in the field of business and professional ethics which reflect timely, cutting edge insight. This year they are particularly interested in topics related to questions around economic justice and the common good.

Abstract deadline: June 15, 2021.

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