

7th Annual Australasian Business Ethics Network (ABEN) Conference and Doctoral Workshop

Business Ethics and the Public Interest

RMIT University December 10, 11 and 12, 2017. Melbourne, Victoria

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Call for Papers

Abstract and Full Paper Submission **EXTENDED DEADLINE: 2 October 2017.**

Submissions are now invited for the **7th annual ABEN Conference on Business Ethics** (www.aben.org.au). The conference will begin on the afternoon of the 10th of December with a Doctoral workshop, followed by a meet and greet for all participants. Sessions for the delivery of papers will run on the 11th and 12th of December.

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, 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.

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. The conference is very inclusive and welcomes submissions that explore business ethics from a range of theoretical, empirical and practical positions and perspectives.

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/>).

If you wish to make a submission for presentation at the ABEN Conference, please send a 500-word abstract, by **2 October 2017**. Full papers may also be submitted, to be peer reviewed if required by your funding institution. The website for registration and submission will open shortly. Before the opening of the website, you may send your abstract to steven.dellaportas@rmit.edu.au.

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

Doctoral Workshop

The 7th ABEN Conference will start with a dedicated workshop for Ph.D. students, on the afternoon of 10 December. 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 at the Hawthorn campus (situated only 20-30 mins away from RMIT University, by car or public transport). Pre-registration for this workshop is essential, as the number of participants will be limited. Please contact Julia Benkert at jbenkert@swin.edu.au, by **2 October 2017**, with any queries or to register for the workshop.

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 to steven.dellaportas@rmit.edu.au by **31 October 2017**. A decision on the awarding of the scholarship will be made in early December.

Kind regards

On behalf of the ABEN 2017 Conference Organising Committee:
Steven Dellaportas (RMIT)
Rob Macklin (University of Tasmania)
Andrew West (QUT)