CONFERENCE THEME: People, Planet, Progress: Business Ethics for a Global Society
As we race toward a 2030 deadline to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) developed by the United Nations in 2015, we focus the theme of the conference on how progress and prosperity in business are achieved in the context of a sustainable future for the planet and all who inhabit it. With research, practice, and educators attending to the responsible management of business, the conference will feature work that highlights the progress made in achieving global development goals and the challenges that remain in institutionalizing them. Keynote addresses by business leaders and NGOs, a featured editors’ panel session, academic paper sessions and paper development workshops will be used to spur discussion amongst conference participants on critical ethical issues.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS:
The 25th Anniversary of IVBEC is a great opportunity to take stock of our progress for guidance, and to look to the future for innovative solutions to business and society’s most pressing ethical dilemmas. We encourage proposals from academics, business professionals and young scholars that relate to the role that ethical business plays in the implementation and integration of the SDGs in the organizational ethos, and that move us toward a better understanding of targets, measurement and ethical adjustment in our policies and processes.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND GUIDELINES:
We require a one to three-page proposal (Word or PDF formats) for one of the following: an empirical, theoretical or pedagogical research paper, including meta-analytic approaches to understanding knowledge in the field; a practical case study; an emerging approach to bringing business ethics and the SDGs into the classroom; or, a panel session of business and/or academic leaders discussing problems and challenges in the implementation and integration of the SDGs and ethical decision-making in their organizations. All submissions must indicate whether they are “Abstract only”, or “Full” papers, i.e., with an intention to submit a full paper to be considered for the “Patrick Primeaux Best Paper Award” by the designated deadline (see Key Dates below). Final proposals for inclusion in the conference will be selected through a blind referee process based on the quality of the submission and its relation to the theme of the conference.

All submissions (whether an Abstract or Full paper) should include a separate title page and must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format to IVBEC2018@gmail.com. When submitting, please label the files as follows: “Last Name, First Name – Title Page”; and, “Last Name, First Name – Abstract” or “Last Name, First Name – Full Paper.” Panel proposals should include the names and affiliations of all panelists. All materials or references that allow the blind reviewer to identify the author(s) should be completely removed from the paper, and appear only on the title page. Papers should be typed using font size 12 on 8.5 x 11” paper with 1” margins and pages should be numbered.

PAPER ABSTRACTS/PROPOSALS (DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 20th, 2018)
The paper abstract or proposals should consist of a title page and a short summary (1-3 pages) on the subject, including keywords. The title page should contain the name, institutional affiliation, postal address, telephone number, fax number, country code, and electronic mailing address of each author. Authors should bear in mind that abstracts will be used to publicize the content of their article and should therefore emphasize the value of the article’s contribution to conference participants. Authors should also attempt to make the abstract understandable to both academics and laypersons alike. Line spacing is single spaced.
FULL PAPERS (DUE AUGUST 1, 2018)

Full papers should also include a title page with the name, institutional affiliation, postal address, telephone number, fax number, country code, and electronic mailing address of each author. The second page should include the paper title, an abstract that is 100-250 words and keywords. All tables and figures must be mentioned within the text (e.g., “Table 1 shows . . .”) or “(see Figure 1).” Authors should add: [INSERT FIGURE/TABLE 1 ABOUT HERE] after the paragraph where that mention was first made. Tables and figures should be inserted immediately after the References section. Tables must be editable and not saved in picture formats. Line spacing is double-spaced.

Papers are submitted with the understanding that they are original, unpublished works that have not been submitted elsewhere and that at least [one of] the author[s] will attend the conference and present the paper.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLICATION:

Following the conference, participants will be invited to submit finalized papers for publication in their choice of a special Business Ethics issue of the International Studies of Management and Organization, or a special issue of the Journal of Vincentian Social Action. Other journals also may offer participants opportunities to publish.

KEY DATES:

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The 2018 conference begins Thursday afternoon, October 25th and runs until Saturday afternoon, October 27th. Further details on how to register, featured panels & events, and booking your conference accommodations will be available soon on the IVBEC 2018 website. Conference registration fee is $375 and $100 for students with a valid ID. Late registration fee is $425.

LOCATION

New York Marriott Downtown
85 West Street at Albany Street
New York, NY 10006

* Conference participants are encouraged to reserve a room at the conference hotel as soon as we open this reservation link on our website. For more details please visit the conference website: IVBEC 2018. If the hyperlink does not open, please type: “https://ivbec.weebly.com” into your browser.

The 2018 conference is sponsored by the Vincentian Universities - DePaul, Niagara, St. John’s, and Dublin City University-- in conjunction with the Center for Global Business Stewardship (CGBS) at the Peter J. Tobin College of Business, St. John’s University. For questions, please email: IVBEC2018@gmail.com or call +1-718-990-6477.