

The conference theme, "Value and Values", refers to two of the fundamental questions of human enquiry – why and how we do what we do. Focussing on them takes us back to the basics of academic enquiry. The focus on the Value of our area of study invokes questions of why our field is important for us, for society, for humanity; asking us to consider why we research, teach, and engage with other research and researchers in our area; and what the benefit of our work might be, to ourselves, to society, to the world.

Focusing on values, on the other hand, addresses our deeply held beliefs and integrity, and suggests our intentions, how we approach our work, and demands that the process of our enquiry be as important as the product. Our core values may be universal, but are coloured by our social, cultural, religious, political and personal contexts.

How can the study of psychology and the behavioral sciences, as well as those of ethics, religion and philosophy, inform each other, inform other fields, and inform our lives, from the way we lead our individual lives, to the ways in which governments engage with their citizens, and with those from other countries and regions?

In a world which is seeing a rise in authoritarianism, nationalism, and populism, this conference asks us to consider "value and values", inviting scholars from around the world to come together and engage in challenging, rigorous debate across the lines and borders of religion, creed and nation, and we warmly encourage you to come to Tokyo in 2019!

About "Think Tokyo '19"

"Think Tokyo '19" is the umbrella name under which IAFOR is holding its concurrent Asian Conferences on Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences (ACP), and Ethics, Religion and Philosophy (ACERP). This naming reflects our move from Osaka/Kobe to the capital city of Tokyo, and also underlines IAFOR's mission to promote interdisciplinarity. Since 2011, this extraordinary event has encouraged us, working in and across different academic fields, and from different cultural, religious and national backgrounds, to come together to reflect on how we reason, believe, and behave, as individuals, communities and societies, and on the act, art, science, and imperative of thinking.

This conference is organised by IAFOR in association with the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) in Osaka University, Japan.

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Important Info

Location & Venue: Toshi Center, Tokyo, Japan
Conference Dates: Thursday, March 21, 2019 to Saturday, March 23, 2019
Conference Theme: Value and Values
acerp.iafor.org Conference Website:

Early Bird Abstract Submission Deadline: November 07, 2018×
Final Abstract Submission Deadline: January 08, 2019

Early Bird Registration Deadline: December 07, 2018×
Final Registration Deadline for presenters: February 07, 2019

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×Submit early to take advantage of the discounted registration rates.

Confirmed Speaker

George D. Chryssides
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Dr George D. Chryssides is Honorary Research Fellow in Contemporary Religion at the University of Birmingham, after being Head of Religious Studies at the University of Wolverhampton, UK, from 2001 to 2008. George Chryssides obtained a First Class Honours MA degree in philosophy at the University of Glasgow, and a First Class Honours Bachelor of Divinity in systematic theology. He subsequently undertook postgraduate research at the University of Oxford, obtaining his doctorate in 1974.

From the 1980, George Chryssides' main interest has been new religious movements, on which he has authored numerous books and scholarly articles. Recent publications include Historical Dictionary of Jehovah's Witnesses (2008), Heaven's Gate: Postmodernity and Popular Culture in a Suicide Group (2011), Historical Dictionary of New Religious Movements (2012), The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements (co-edited with Benjamin E. Zeller, 2014), and Jehovah's Witnesses: Continuity and Change (2015). He is a regular presenter at national and international conferences.

Call for Papers

The conference theme for ACERP is Value and Values, and the organisers encourage submissions that approach this theme from a variety of perspectives. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions across a variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives.

Ethics
– Medical Ethics
– Business and Management Ethics
– Ethics in Education
– Ethics, Law, and Justice

- Ethics and Globalization
- Ethics and Science
- Comparative Ethics
- Linguistics, Language and Ethics

Religion

- Theism and Atheism
- Feminism and Religious Traditions
- Religion and Education
- Religion and Peace Studies
- Mysticism, Faith, and Scientific Culture
- Interfaith Dialogue
- Comparative Religion
- Linguistics, Language and Religion
- Interdisciplinary – Conflict Resolution and Mediation Studies

Philosophy

- Philosophy and Religion
- Philosophy and the Arts
- Philosophy and Public Policy
- Philosophy and Technology
- Philosophy and Culture
- Philosophy and Education
- Philosophy and Peace Studies
- Comparative Philosophy
- Linguistics, Language and Philosophy

<https://acerp.iafor.org/call-for-papers/> Submit your abstract through the online submission system:

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The IAFOR Journal of Ethics, Religion and Philosophy is a peer-reviewed, editorially independent journal associated with IAFOR's conferences on ethics, religion and philosophy. Articles may also be submitted via an ongoing open call for papers. The IAFOR Journal of Ethics, Religion and Philosophy, which reflects the interdisciplinary and international nature of IAFOR's conferences, is freely available to read and download.

××Conference Proceedings

If your abstract is accepted and you have registered for the conference, you are encouraged to submit a full paper for inclusion in the official conference proceedings. Our conference proceedings are Open Access research repositories, which act as permanent records of the research generated by IAFOR conferences.

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