

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

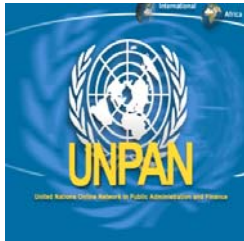
Summer/Fall 2008

HEADLINES

2009 ASPA CONFERENCE INFORMATION

DR. JREISAT RECEIVES AWARD AS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR – PAGE 3

- **FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN** – Pledge form on page 4.
- **VALUE SOLIDARITY: DIFFERENCES, SIMILARITIES AND CONFLICTS BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES** – Recent publication by Zeger van der Wal - page 12.



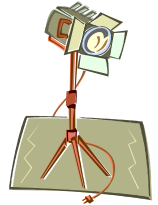
The mission of UNPAN - United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance - is to promote the sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices throughout the world in sound public policies and effective public administration. The Ethics Section coordinates with UNPAN on issues

of ethics and corruption. UNPAN can be found at <http://www.unpan.org/discover.asp> along with copies of ET.

ABOUT ETHICS TODAY

ETHICS TODAY is the electronic newsletter for the ASPA Ethics Section with ASPA and Ethics Section news, achievements, calendar of events and member notes. To send a submission for publication in *ETHICS TODAY*, e-mail the editor at rerakovich@txwes.edu. For ET International contact Fran Burke at integrityintal@yahoo.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



2009 ASPA Annual Conference Information	2
Fund Raising Pledge Form	4
Ethics Section Officers	5
International Transparency and Secrecy Research Network	6
New Benefit from PI	7
PI Library Form	8
Ethics Section Member's Publications	9
ASPA Call for Authors	13

Ethics Today / International

World Bank on Regulatory Reform	14
5 th Transatlantic Dialogue Call for Papers	16
Publications, Periodicals and Research Notes	18
17 th NISPAcee Annual Conference Call for Papers	20

LAST PAGE:

Ethical Dilemma by Jim Grant	21.
------------------------------	-----

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

2009 ASPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MARCH 20-24, MIAMI, FLORIDA



GOVERNANCE IN THE MIDST OF DIVERSITY

BRIDGING OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE

ASPA 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MIAMI, FLORIDA - MARCH 20-24

This conference will explore and develop innovative practices for public administration to address the growing diversity of communities around the country. It emphasizes the importance of context and culture on the sustainability of innovations, and ASPA's role in supporting public administration globally from a U.S. perspective.

The practice and theory of public administration is at a crossroads. Communities are becoming increasingly diverse due to globalization, market competition, and in some cases open borders. Together these phenomena have created new opportunities and challenges that traditional public administration structures and practices are not designed to address. This conference seeks to provide a platform on which to build a new knowledge base that can help inform public administration practice and theory in the midst of diversity.

Program Tracks

- Non-profit Sector
- Professionalism and Ethics
- Local Government Financing
- Housing Policies and Human Services
 - Performance Management
 - Citizen Engagement
- The Public Administration of Immigration
 - Personnel Administration
- E-governance and Emerging Technologies
 - Transportation Policies
 - Environmental Issues
 - Founders' Forum
 - Emergency Management

For more information go to www.aspanet.org.

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Section Member News

DR. JAMIL E. JREISAT 2008 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

In its Annual Meeting of June 28, 2008, the Suncoast Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) announced that Dr. Jamil E. Jreisat is the recipient of the Outstanding Public Administration Award for 2008. First time, 20 senior public officials occupying positions of county administrator, city manager, county budget director, and various senior management positions in local governments in Sarasota and Tampa Bay signed the nomination.



In its Annual Meeting of June 28, 2008, the Florida Suncoast Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) announced that Dr. Jamil E. Jreisat is the recipient of the Outstanding Public Administration Award for 2008.

“Frankly, I am humbled and gratified by this act and felt like sharing it with you” said Dr. Jreisat. The nomination statement begins as: “No one has impacted public administration in the Tampa Bay area more than “Dr. Jreisat has been an educator, a mentor, and an advisor to several hundred public servants in federal, state, and local governments. We who now nominate him for this award are a few of those fortunate public servants.

As professor of public administration at the University of South Florida, he has done so much more than the mere imparting of knowledge and skills. He has instilled in his students the principles of democratic governance, of ethical conduct above reproach, and he makes us proud to have chosen careers in public service. He has made each one of us a better public servant as he has been a model of competence and integrity to his students.

As advisor to local government staff we know of no one who has been as dedicated and selfless. It is in the area of Ethics that he has made the deepest and most lasting impact. Dr. Jreisat’s Ethics class is legendary among students and alumni. The comment one most typically hears is “that class changed my life” – it has indeed made us evaluate our actions, competence levels, and productivity from a perspective of consummate integrity and complete dedication to public service.

The citation states, “This nomination is a tribute to and recognition of Dr. Jreisat’s commitment and passion to the field of public administration. But, more important, it is a deeply sincere and heartfelt token of appreciation from all of us.”

Dr. Alvin Wolfe, Distinguished Professor of Applied Anthropology, who attended the ceremony and read the nomination statement by 20 senior administrators of local government commented this way: “For a university professor, it doesn’t get any better than that.”

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Section Fund Raising Campaign

Despite the success of the 2007 Transatlantic Ethics Conference held at the University of Maryland Marriott Conference Center, the Ethics Section ended up with a significant financial shortfall in meeting hotel contract obligations. Even after using all the monies in our accounts, we had insufficient funds to cover the final bill. These expenses could only be covered by turning to the ASPA national office to pay the bill. Thus, we are now in debt to ASPA some \$14,000. While the final amount remains in dispute and we hope that ASPA will cover a portion of the cost, we nevertheless have an obligation to repay ASPA. Discussions are ongoing about this debt, but it is clear that the section has been placed into long term financial difficulties trying to fund *Public Integrity* and pay normal expenses.

This fund raising drive is being initiated in an effort to retire or at least significantly reduce the debt to ASPA and to bring the section back into financial viability. A one-time contribution from each member of \$50 to \$100 would immediately retire the Section's debt, and bring us back to financial viability. Of course, any contribution would be helpful and gratefully accepted.

If you are willing to contribute to restore the Section's financial health and credibility at ASPA, please complete the following pledge form and return to Fred Meine, Section Treasurer, and send your checks as soon as possible. A special contribution accounting line item will be established so members can be assured their contributions are used for this important purpose.

PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Amount Pledged: _____

Pledged contributions should be made out to the Ethics Section, ASPA and sent to:

Dr. M. F. Meine, Treasurer
Troy University, Florida
81 Beal Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Question can be directed to Fred Meine at: drmmeine@troy.edu; Tel: (850) 301-2133 (Cell: (850) 974-2226)

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Section Officers

Chairperson (2007-2009):

Raymond Cox, U. of Akron, rcox@uakron.edu

Chairperson Elect:

Jeremy Plant, Pennsylvania State University,
jfp2@psu.edu

Executive Committee:

(Terms ending in 2010)

Cynthia Lynch, University of Texas - Pan American, clynch@utpa.edu

James Heichelbech, Director of Qualitative Research at Healthcare Research, Inc.,
jheichelbech@mindspring.com

Michael Miller, Survey Section for the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department, 602-495-2075(o), michael.miller@phoenix.gov

Emile Kolthoff, Bureau Integriteit Nederlandse Gemeenten, emilekolthoff@bureauintegriteit.nl

(Terms ending in 2009)

Patricia Alt, Towson University, palt@towson.edu

Jack Kem, US Army Command and General Staff College, JDKD6@aol.com

Sara Moya, Arizona State University,
sdmoya@cox.net

Dadi Einarsson, Vier Pfoeten/Four Paws Bulgaria,
dadi@dadi.info

(Terms ending in 2011)

Charles Garofalo, Texas State, cg10@txstate.edu

Guy Adams, Missouri, Adams@missouri.edu

Marc Holzer, Rutgers, mholzer@pipeline.com

Carole Jurkiewicz, Louisiana State University
cljrkwcz@lsu.edu

Treasurer:

Manfred Meine, Troy State U.,
drmmeine@troy.edu

Secretary:

Vacant

Ethics Today Newsletter Editor:

Rod Erakovich, Texas Wesleyan University,
rerakovich@txwes.edu

International Editor:

Frances Burke, integrityintal@yahoo.com

Membership chair:

[Terrel L. Rhodes](#), Association of American Colleges and Universities, rhodes@aacu.org

[Terry L. Cooper](#), U. of Southern California,
tlcooper@usc.edu

Historian:

Mylon Winn, U. of Arkansas/Little Rock,
mylon_winn@subr.edu

Webmaster:

Dadi Einarsson, Vier Pfoeten/Four Paws Bulgaria,
dadi@dadi.info



Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

International Transparency and Secrecy Research Network

Suzanne has started a network of professionals and academics on topics concerning research on governmental transparency and transparency of NGOs and private organizations. Freedom of information, proactively released information from organizations (e.g. formal reports, performance reporting, websites, and PR info), open meetings, transparency of international organizations, transparency and trust, whistle blowing, leaked information, secrecy and security, personal privacy are among other topics would all be discussed. For more information, contact Suzanne J. Piotrowski, assistant Professor at the School of Public Affairs and Administration Rutgers University-Newark at spiotrow@rutgers.edu.

THE
CARTER CENTER



International Access to Information and Transparency Calendar of Events

In furtherance of the *Atlanta Declaration and Action Plan for the Advancement of the Right of Access to Information* and its call for the access to information community “to build solidarity with a full range of stakeholders who share a common transparency agenda,” the Carter Center’s Access to Information Project has launched a calendar of events, including conferences, workshops, summits, retreats, and training sessions from all over the world pertaining to access to information (ATI) and transparency. The goal of this calendar is to enhance cooperation and coordination, benefit from the important work already being done in the field through sharing of materials and methodologies, and allow organizations to better promote and share their work. The International Access to Information and Transparency Calendar of Events will be hosted on our website at www.cartercenter.org/accesstoinformation.html.

In order to keep the calendar as current and comprehensive as possible, send us information on any events that you are planning, at least 20 days in advance of the activity, as well as permission to link to your website. Please feel free to contact me at lneuman@emory.edu.

Sincerely,



Laura Neuman
Access to Information Project Manager
Associate Director
Americas Program at the Carter Center

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

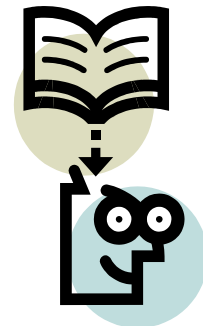
Summer/Fall 2008

Announcing a New Benefit for ASPA Section on Ethics Members from M.E. Sharpe and Public Integrity (James Bowman, Editor)

Members Can Now Sign Up to Receive Pre-Publication Table of Contents Alerts for *Public Integrity*

Here's How to Sign Up:

- 1) Go to the M.E. Sharpe journals page at: www.mesharpe.com/journals.asp
- 2) Select *Public Integrity* from the drop-down right-hand menu and then click on "go"
- 3) On the PI home page, scroll down past the description and click on the link "click here for information on online access"
- 4) On the menu on the left, click on the "alerting" box
- 5) Register according to the instructions – just create a user name and password as directed
- 6) Once you are registered, an "alerting" page will appear – click on the first gray box on the right: "publications"
- 7) On the "alerting publications" page, you can select PI and any other M.E. Sharpe journal for which you would like to receive ToC alerts
- 8) Click on the "OK" box on the right
- 9) You will have the opportunity to revise your selections at any time



Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

LIBRARY RECOMMENDATION FORM:

(This form should be submitted to your institution's librarian.)

I would like to recommend that the library subscribe to the **Public Integrity (ISSN 1099-9922)**, beginning with:

___ 2008 (Vol. 10) U.S. / Foreign Institutional Subscription, ONLINE ONLY: \$312.00

___ 2008 (Vol. 10) U.S. Institutional Subscription Rate, PRINT + ONLINE: \$328.00

___ 2008 (Vol. 10) Foreign Institutional Subscription Rate, PRINT + ONLINE: \$360.00



From _____
Department _____
Signature _____
Date _____

For more information, please visit www.mesharpe.com/journals.asp.

Subscriptions must be prepaid and are nonrefundable. Subscriptions include postage.

Order from:
M.E. Sharpe, INC.
80 Business Park Drive, Armonk, NY 10504
Toll free: (800) 541-6563 / (914) 273-1800 / Fax: (914) 273-2106
e-mail: custserv@mesharpe.com / Website: www.mesharpe.com

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

ETHICS SECTION MEMBER'S PUBLICATIONS

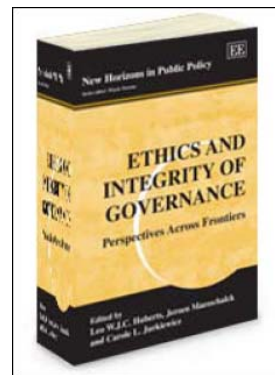
Ethics and Integrity of Governance

Perspectives Across Frontiers

Edited by Leo W.J.C. Huberts, V U Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Jeroen Maesschalck, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium and Carole L. Jurkiewicz, Louisiana State University, US

This book provides critical, up-to-date reviews on the field of ethics and integrity of governance, along with fresh future perspectives. Focusing on Europe and the US, it addresses the key dimensions of public service values, the integrity and rationality of governance, ethics management, and the ethics of governance politics. In each of these four areas, leading international scholars tackle the main issues and controversies facing the world today. The final chapter synthesizes these views and provides an ambitious and critical outline for future work in the field of ethics and integrity of governance. Emanating from the much heralded 'transatlantic dialogue', this study integrates both the European and American perspectives into a common voice for action.

Ethics and Integrity of Governance will appeal to academics, researchers and practitioners in the areas of leadership and organisation, public policy and public administration, and public values and ethics.



Contents: Foreword by John Rohr Part I: Introduction Part II: Public Service Ethos, Values and Integrity Part III: The Integrity, Rationality and Effectiveness of Governance Part IV: Ethics and Integrity Management and Instruments Part V: Ethics and Integrity and the Politics of Governance Part VI: Conclusion Index

Contributors include: G.B. Adams, D.L. Balfour, A. Belling, J.S. Bowman, Y. Emery, G. Fawcett, R.A. Giacalone, A. Hoekstra, S. Horton, L.W.J.C. Huberts, C.L. Jurkiewicz, R.P. Kaye, T. Lamboo, K. Lasthuizen, C.W. Lewis, J. Maesschalck, J. Rohr, F. Six, W. Vandenabeele, E. van der Heide, S. Van de Walle, M. Wardman, J.P. West, C. Wyser

2008 296 pp Hardback 978 1 84542 854 9 £69.95
New Horizons in Public Policy series

TO ORDER THIS TITLE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Marston Book Services Limited
PO Box 269, Abingdon OXON OX14 4YN
UK
Tel: + 44 1235 465500
Fax: + 44 1235 465555
Email: direct.order@marston.co.uk
www.marston.co.uk

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Combating Corruption, Encouraging Ethics: A Practical Guide to Management Ethics

SECOND EDITION NOW AVAILABLE

Published by Rowman & Littlefield and the American Society for Public Administration

In their second edition of *Combating Corruption, Encouraging Ethics*, ASPA members [William L. Richter](#) and [Frances Burke](#) update this essential staple to delve deeply into the unique ethical problems of twenty-first century public administration. Wide-ranging readings from Aristotle and Kant to John Kennedy and John T. Noonan provide initiation into the philosophical basis of ethics as virtue, consequence, principle, and responsibility, while new case studies drawn from today's headlines join old classics from the previous edition to help students apply ethical foundations to a modern administrative career. New chapters on privacy, secrecy, and confidentiality and the changing boundaries of public administration consider the consequences of computerization and globalization, two of this century's greatest challenges.

By seamlessly melding theory with practice, Richter and Burke have created a key resource in educating future public administrators on the ethical problems associated with corruption, deception, evasion of accountability, and the abuse of authority. Open-ended examples and discussion questions encourage students to understand the complexity of administrative ethics and the need for careful thought in their

day-to-day decisions. *Combating Corruption, Encouraging Ethics* offers both the depth demanded by graduate courses in administrative ethics and the accessibility necessary for an undergraduate introduction to public administration.

This book is ideal for all courses that touch on the ethics of public administration.

Single copies are now available for purchase from the ASPA Bookstore for 15% off the cover price of \$34.95, plus shipping and handling. Order your copy [online](#) today!

Bulk orders and review copies should be ordered directly from the publisher, Rowman & Littlefield, by clicking [here](#) or by calling Rowman & Littlefield at (800) 462-6420.

Governmental Transparency in the Path of Administrative Reform

[Suzanne J. Piotrowski](#) examines how federal management reforms associated with the National Performance Review have affected, and are still affecting, implementation of the Freedom of Information Act. For more information see <http://www.sunypress.edu/details.asp?id=61429>.

Suzanne can be contacted at spiotrow@andromeda.rutgers.edu

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

Transformative Pathways: Attainable Utopias

Edited by Sangeeta Sharma and Pramod K Sharma

Published by Prateeksha Publications

ISBN: 978-81-85819-03-7

The book focuses on the production of knowledge and the articulation of fresh vision for social transformation in the coming era. It collects the voices of the post 1990 that have engaged in serious introspection (and deconstructions of failures) in the building of equal and harmonious societies. The work has focused on varied aspects of rebuilding not only particular culture, but also a sustainable and energized global environment.

To date, our present is a conflicting mass of ideologies, obfuscating the path to rejuvenation. The emerging world scenario is presenting a new dynamics of inter and intra relationship with in and outside the identity driven systems. How can we reverse this trend as thinkers and activists committed to project viable and acceptable “transformative pathways”, that will be a new future with renewed vision.

How have individuals or communities launched on this challenging path in diverse cultures? In what instances has the notional domain of Ethics attained a quantum leap at the level of a practicing ethics? This has been well addressed in the present work by incorporating discourses on defining procedural ethics of action pool in successful initiative of practicing ethics or neo-ethics that redefine pathways, even as they may selectively absorb cultural legacies of values. The analysis on Islamic work ethics presents one such effort in the direction of understanding the intricacies of the process of transformation within this realm.

The global society is increasingly given shape by cyber-culture and informatics, fundamentalism and violence hence there is an urgent need to reinterpret the notion of a good and simple life. Role models, messiah figures, religious and spiritual organization are all contesting the reversal of complexities that go into the renewed notion of development by preparing a road map for future. The eternal philosophy of Buddhism, Vivekananda has been envisioned with newer experience to understand the depth of wisdom. The domain of spirituality within the normative periphery shows the path of eternity to create violence free world. The inner strengthening of individual self is the core of furtherance of the process, which can lead to the creation of more tolerant world.

Sangeeta Sharma can be contacted at sangeetajpr2004@yahoo.co.in.

This book is quintessence of futuristic thoughts that spin around finding out the ways and in-roads of tomorrow's transformations by interrogating ideologies, values, texts, structures etc. There is a need to understand the present but with future in our mind. The readers while going through different chapters will find themselves journeying in different lanes of transformation varying from social to economical to environmental to managerial to ethical and finally to spiritual. The most important feature of this book is liberating readers from their fridity of ideas. This liberation is enjoyable to see that how same notion is viewed kaleidoscopically. The linguistic technicality is not the purpose to view future, rather future is poetry with rhythm and intellect.

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Recently Published Dissertation: Value Solidity. Differences. Similarities and Conflicts Between the Organizational Values of Government and Business, by Zeger van der Wal, Ph.D., VU University Amsterdam

This book aims to determine what is valued most in public and private sector organizational decision making. Despite the recent attention to the values and norms that guide organizational conduct and the extent to which these values and norms are intermixing and converging between government and business, not much empirical data is available on which values characterize which sector.

The research outcomes show that just as some important classical differences emerge, a number of similarities between the public and private sector appear to result in a set of common core organizational values. Furthermore, the data support neither increasing adoption of business values in public sector organizations nor flirtation with public values in the business sector. This result contradicts expectations in the literature on New Public Management and Corporate Social Responsibility, suggesting public–private value intermixing. *Value solidity* seems the dominant feature in both sectors.

Additional analysis shows that “publicness,” the extent to which an organization belongs to the public or the private sector, strongly determines value preferences. Sectoral, organizational and situational factors also strongly influence when, how and to what extent specific values can be and are important in administrative and corporate decision making.

For more information about the author and the book and to order your copy of *Value Solidity*, please refer to www.zegervanderwal.com



Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

Call for Authors ASPA Series in Public Administration and Public Policy

ASPA, your association, now has a great opportunity for you to publish books that will shape the field through new ideas and those that find application among practitioners.

Throughout its history, ASPA has sought to be true to its founding principles of promoting scholarship and professionalism within the public service. This new series on Public Administration and Public Policy publishes books on topics that increase national and international interest for public administration.

Books in the ASPA Series in Public Administration and Public Policy will discuss practical or cutting edge topics in engaging ways. Books will be relevant, stimulate discussion, and assist practice. We envision several different types of books in this new series, including monographs, books that articulate new thinking or critical analysis, and books that describe practices, applications or cases in the field.

We are interested in receiving book proposals that reflect these aims. Topics of interest include, though not limited to

- Practices of leadership
- Collaboration, networking and governance (including multiple sectors)
- Visions of the future of public administration or public policy
- All areas of public management and performance management and performance measurement
- Accountability, ethics and the management of ethical behavior

- Citizen trust in government
- International affairs in public administration
- New approaches to budgeting or public finance
- Managing people in agencies

We would be pleased to consider your **proposal**, or those of your colleagues, for a book on any of these or related topics. Interested? Let's start by sending to me a brief email that describes your idea and, if possible, an initial, proposed Table of Contents.

For more information, please feel free to review the **aims and scope** of this series. Please let me know if you would like additional information or author guidelines.

I look forward to working with you on new publications in this area.

Yours truly,

Professor Evan M. Berman
Distinguished University Professor
Editor-in-Chief, ASPA Book Series in Public Administration & Public Policy (Taylor & Francis)
Phone: 504-322-3312
Email: evanmberman@gmail.com
J. William Fulbright Distinguished Scholar

Taylor & Francis/CRC Press
c/o Ray O'Connell
270 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10016

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008



Ethics Today / International Summer/Fall 2008

Edited by Frances Burke, Integrity International/Boston

At this time, globally, there is financial and governmental distress in all areas of business, government, and society. It is important to remember that around the world, there are many efforts to bring about PEACE. September 1st, the International Day of Peace, was celebrated in almost every nation. In 2009, I hope that *Ethics Today International*

will provide a forum of ideas dedicated to peaceful activities through ethics. Please send any thoughts to: integrityintal@yahoo.com

World Bank Offers Ideas on Regulatory Reform to Minimize Corruption and Maladministration

International Day of Peace 2008

The United Nations' International Day of Peace is a global holiday when individuals, communities, nations and governments highlight efforts to end conflict and promote peace. Established by U.N. resolution in 1982, "Peace Day" has grown to include millions of people around the world who participate in all kinds of events, large and small. In this event, the "Peace Bell" is rung at UN Headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children on all continents, and considered a symbol of global solidarity. It was given as a gift by Japan, and is referred to as "a reminder of the human cost of war." The inscription on its side reads: "Long live absolute world peace." Observance of the annual International Day of Peace is widespread across the globe. Celebrations now take place in every country.

Regulatory Reform Hits Record Levels

Regulatory reforms are gaining momentum worldwide, reaching record numbers this year, finds Doing Business 2009 – the sixth in a series of annual reports published by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Bank. The new report identifies 239 reforms between June 2007 and June 2008 that make it easier to do business in 113 economies. For the fifth year in a row, Eastern Europe and Central Asia led the world's regions, with more than 90 percent of its countries making reforms. And the trend is moving eastward as newcomers join the list of economies making the most reforms. Azerbaijan is the world's leading reformer of business regulations this year, with improvements in seven of the 10 areas studied by the report. Read more at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS>

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Today / International Summer/Fall 2008

Governance Reform under Real-World Conditions

While the development community has the technical tools to address governance challenges, experience shows that technical solutions are often insufficient. Difficulties arise when attempts are made to apply what are often excellent technical solutions. Human beings are not as amenable as are pure numbers, and they cannot be ignored. In the real world, reforms will not succeed, and they will certainly not be sustained, without the correct alignment of citizens, stakeholders, and voice. This book is a contribution to efforts to improve governance systems around the world, particularly in developing countries. The contributors, who are academics and development practitioners, provide a range of theoretical frameworks, and innovative approaches and technique for dealing with the most important nontechnical or adaptive challenges that impeded the success and sustainability of reform efforts. Read more at:



<http://publications.worldbank.org/ecommerce/catalog>

Reforms Continue to Facilitate Doing Business in MENA

In the just published Doing Business 2009, the annual publication issued by the Bank and the IFC, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) ranked as the second-fastest reforming region in the world with a total of 27 reforms in two-thirds of the region's economies. Overall, the region ranked fourth in the world in the ease of doing business. For a fifth year, the region's most popular area for reform is business start-up, with nine economies making improvement. Regionally, Egypt ranked highest in the area of reforming business regulation, and globally Yemen ranked first in the category of "starting a business" reforms. Saudi Arabia ranked first in the world in the category of east of "registering property", while five Gulf countries made the top ten in the category where "paying taxes" is made easy. Read more at: <http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS>

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

Ethics Today / International Spring 2008

Fifth Transatlantic Dialogue 11-13 June 2009 - Washington, D.C.

Conference Co-Sponsors

- American Society for Public Administration
- European Group of Public Administration
- School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Campus at Newark, U.S.A.
- Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.
- Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Invitation to the Conference

The conference theme, "The Future of Governance in Europe and the U.S.," addresses the emergence of new forms of governance that have become key topics in recent public administration research.

Governments increasingly deliver public services in collaboration with business and not-for-profit organizations. Technological innovations and privatization have encouraged citizens to become more active as consumers and co-producers of services. All of this reflects back upon governments and raises basic issues of legitimacy, accountability and control.

The Fifth Transatlantic Dialogue on "The Future of Governance" continues the successful series of forums that have previously been hosted at the Public Management Institute/Katholieke University of Leuven (2004 on Ethics; 2005 on Performance); School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware (2006, Ethics); SDA Bocconi School of Management, Public Management and Policy Area, University of Bocconi (2007 Intergovernmental Relations).

This initiative is a joint effort under the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA) and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), with the support of the ASPA-EGPA Secretariat at the School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Campus at Newark.



Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Today / International Spring 2008

Fifth Transatlantic Dialogue (Continued)

You are invited to submit proposals for papers to be delivered at the conference. Each paper will be discussed at a workshop session, and each of the six workshops will accept fourteen papers for such discussion. Subsequent to the conference, commercial publication of selected papers as a scholarly volume is very likely, and presenters will be expected to grant priority publication rights for that volume if the editors approach them within sixty days of the conference.

Conference Location

Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Administration
The George Washington University
2121 I Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20052

The Workshops: Proposals and Papers

-Deadline for Presenting an Abstract: December 15, 2008.

Send one-page proposals to: spaa@andromeda.rutgers.edu, stating contact details and indicating the preferred workshop. Your proposal will be distributed to the organizing committee and the appropriate workshop co-chairs.

-Notification of Acceptance by February 1, 2009.

-Note: Each workshop will accept no more than fourteen papers. Two papers will be presented for discussion at each workshop session. Note that each workshop meets for seven sessions.

-Full papers must be delivered by April 15, 2009.

Workshop 1: Can the Public Sector Reestablish its Legitimacy?

Workshop 4: Transparency and Accountability in Governance: Evolving Concepts of

Workshop 2: Financing Governance: Managing Commitments Over the Long Term

Workshop 5: How will Emerging Technologies Transform Governance: Emergent Forms of Public Deliberation and Collaboration

Workshop 3: Public Administration and Multidisciplinarity: The Contribution of Other Disciplines to the Debate on Governance

Workshop 6: Collaboration, Hybrid Governance and Networking

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

Ethics Today / International Spring 2008

PUBLICATIONS • PERIODICALS • RESEARCH NOTES

Chinese Conceptions of “Rights”: From Mencius to Mao—and Now

Elizabeth J. Perry

PAR Perspectives on Politics

The recent explosion of popular protest in China, often framed as a demand for the fulfillment of “rights,” has captured widespread attention. Some observers interpret the protests as signs of a “moral vacuum.” Others see the unrest as signaling a powerful new “rights consciousness.” In either case, the protests are often regarded as a major challenge to the stability of the political system. In this article, an examination of Chinese conceptions of “rights,” as reflected in the ethical discourses of philosophers, political leaders, and protesters (and as contrasted with American understandings of rights), provides the basis for questioning prevailing assumptions about the fragility of the Chinese political order. For over two millennia, Chinese political thought, policy, and protest have assigned central priority to the attainment of socioeconomic security. As a result, the meaning of “rights” in Chinese political discourse differs significantly from the Anglo-American tradition. Viewed in historical context, China’s contemporary “rights” protests seem less politically threatening. The Chinese polity appears neither as vacuous nor as vulnerable as it is sometimes assumed to be.

The Realist Tradition in American Public Opinion

Daniel W. Drezner

PAR Perspectives on Politics

For more than half a century, realist scholars of international relations have maintained that their world view is inimical to the American public. For a variety of reasons—inchoate attitudes, national history, American exceptionalism—realists assert that the U.S. government pursues realist policies in spite and not because of public opinion. Indeed, most IR scholars share this “anti-realist assumption.” To determine the empirical validity of the anti-realist assumption, this paper re-examines survey and experimental data on the mass public’s attitudes, towards foreign policy priorities and world views, the use of force, and foreign economic policy over the past three decades. The results suggest that, far from disliking realism, Americans are at least as comfortable with the logic of *realpolitik* as they are with liberal internationalism. The persistence of the anti-realist assumption might be due to an ironic fact: American elites are more predisposed towards liberal internationalism than the rest of the American public.

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2008

Ethics Today / International Spring 2008

A Government Ill Executed: The Depletion of the Federal Service

“A feeble execution is but another phrase for a bad execution; and a government ill executed, whatever it may be in theory, must be, in practice a bad government.”

Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 70

The federal government’s “quiet crisis” of the 1980s has become the “deafening crisis of the

early twenty-first century. Virtually every measure of the state of the public service as envisioned by Alexander Hamilton has worsened over the past two decades. This lecture outlines Hamilton’s seven characteristics of an energetic federal service and examines recent trends in its decline. Although the federal service still executes an enormous agenda of important missions, it is increasingly frustrated in its work.



Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

Ethics Today / International Spring 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 17th NISPAcee Annual Conference

“State and Administration in a Changing World”

14-16 May, 2009, Budva, Montenegro

Organised in co-
The Government of the
Montenegro, The
Management Authority

The annual conferences
upon a significant
a better understanding

regarding the administrative development and policymaking capacity in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The Conference includes experts, scholars and practitioners who work in the field of public administration in Central and Eastern Europe (including all countries covered by the NISPAcee membership, the Russian Federation, Caucasus and Central Asia), as well as from many other regions and countries of the world.

The Conference programme will include opening and closing plenary sessions, general sessions, working sessions on the main conference theme, specialised panels and forums and meetings of NISPAcee Working Groups, which will run in parallel.

Papers are invited on the **Main Conference Theme** for **General Session, Panel on Health Care, Reforms and Implementation** and on the themes of **6 Working Groups** that are announced for the conference.

For more information go to http://www.nispa.sk/_portal/homepage.php or contact Viera Wallnerova, NISPAcee Project Manager at wallnerova@nispa.sk



operation with
Republic of
Human Resources

of NISPAcee focus
theme, which facilitates
of important issues

Ethics Today

Volume 10 Number 3

Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Ethics

Summer/Fall 2006

THE LAST PAGE

An Ethical Dilemma

By Jim Grant, Crime and Intelligence Analyst II, Los Angeles Police Department

I recently had an interesting experience that could be the basis for an ethics moment. I had been trying to give an accurate evaluation to an underperforming employee. However, another supervisor, a sworn member of my department asked me to take out the negative comments claiming they had not been documented.

Even though he was shown my log entries documenting the failures, he refused to allow them since they were not documented by means of a "comment card." Comment cards are sometimes used by members of my department and are not mandatory.

When I refused to take out any more negatives then I could stomach, he had the employee write her own evaluation and signed it as his own work. I did notify the city personnel department and seek their advice. However, there has been no response as of this writing.

For more information on this case, contact Jim Grant at jamesmgrant@earthlink.net.

Contributions for the Last Page and your responses are welcome. If you have comments of any length on any topic large or small, please send them to Rod Erakovich, Ethics Today editor, at rerakovich@txwes.edu or Frances Burke at integrityintal@yahoo.com.

