



ISME2024

ETHICS AND THE ROLE OF ORGANIZATIONAL, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN OVERCOMING THE CONFLICTS OF MODERNITY

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Paper Submission

Paper proposals of up to 500 words should be sent as an email attachment to isme2024@macintyreanenquiry.org. The deadline for submissions is February 25, 2024.

Call for Papers

Theme: The role of organizational, political, and spiritual leadership in overcoming the “conflicts of modernity”

Alasdair MacIntyre’s work offers a critique of modernity and its corrupting effects in the spheres of economics, politics, and organizational life. It also offers a novel theoretical conception of virtues, practices, institutions, and goods. MacIntyre also addresses topics relevant to leadership, in its various guises, in his comparison of some socialist revolutionaries to capitalist managers, his critique of Weberian management, his suggestion that we all must learn to both rule and be ruled, and the closing remark in *After Virtue* about awaiting a new – doubtless very different – St Benedict. As a result, MacIntyre’s work promises to enable us to better understand how various organizations can contribute to society by extending beyond narrowly conceived efficiency imperatives, and by helping us to deal with polarizing issues and the conflicts of modernity.

As such we invite contributions on such topics as:

- Ethical leadership
- Leadership and mentorship within practices
- Education and leadership
- Political leadership
- Spiritual leadership
- Leadership and MacIntyre’s critique of The Manager
- Leaderless organizations
- Philosophical perspectives on leadership
- Leadership in public service organizations
- Leadership and sustainability
- Persons and personal action inspiring leadership against corrupting effects of late modernity
- What we can learn from history: organizational, political and history of leadership; with a focus on both theory papers or historians’ analysis of case studies /periods in economic and business history which can inform concerns or broad themes in the work of MacIntyre.

We also welcome submissions related to any other aspect of MacIntyre’s work, as well as work that addresses broader themes which are also relevant to MacIntyre’s work – such as virtues, practices, work and human flourishing, the narrative unity of life, traditions, as well as areas of philosophy including moral philosophy, science and epistemology, tradition-based enquiry, the ethical status of modernity, the relationship between ethics and metaphysics, and cross-cultural philosophy – from non-MacIntyrean perspectives which can inform and stimulate dialogues across traditions.

Furthermore, in addition to the presentation of work in progress, we welcome presentations based on recently published work, to enable scholars interested in MacIntyre’s work to be kept abreast of relevant research in other disciplines.

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Accommodation options are available in the halls at the Whiteknights campus in Reading, which you can book using the above [registration link](#).

The conference fees are as follows:

- Student special package (including meals and gala dinner): £295
- Full fee registration price (including meals and gala dinner): £360
- Early Bird Registration fee (including meals and gala dinner - please note that this option is only available until 3 May 2024): £295