

An international conference on various dimensions of goodness is planned for April 4-6, 2011, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Leading experts will address challenging questions related to the subject of “the good” from the perspective of their disciplines. The conference will include interdisciplinary discussion of ideas presented as well as less formal opportunities for scholarly discourse and interaction.

Featured Speakers and Topics

FRANZ VON KUTSCHERA (Universität Regensburg) Value Realism

JONATHAN ISRAEL (School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study) What are the major changes in the history of our moral principles?

JENNIFER HERDT (Yale Divinity School) What is Christianity’s contribution to ethics?

VITTORIO HÖSLE (University of Notre Dame) Is there any logic in the history of ethics?

JANE MAIENSCHIN (Arizona State University) Finding Goodness among the “Ought” and “Is” Debates about Stem Cell Research

CAMILLO PADOA SCHIOPPA (Washington University in St. Louis) What happens in our brain when we make a choice?

CLIVE SELIGMAN (University of Western Ontario) Why and when are values important for moral decisions?

RICHARD ERNST (ETH Zürich) Why is there a moral imperative to engage in science?

PETER KILPATRICK (University of Notre Dame) How can engineering contribute to a better world?

ANITA L. ALLEN (University of Pennsylvania) What are the main challenges of modern medicine in the 21st century?

GEORGES ENDERLE (University of Notre Dame) What makes business ethics a specific form of ethics?

JEFFRIE G. MURPHY (Arizona State University) Goodness and the Law

LUIS ERNESTO DERBEZ BAUTISTA (Universidad de las Américas Puebla) What are the right politics for a developing country?

MARY ELLEN O’CONNELL (University of Notre Dame) How can international law limit the use of violence?

ROBIN ATTFIELD (Cardiff University) What moral consequences does the environmental crisis have?

WANG HUI (Tsinghua University) How will interculturality challenge our moral ideas?

FRIEDRICH HERMANNI (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen) Is the world as such good? The Problem of Theodicy



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Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Call for Fellows for the 2011-2012 Academic Year and the “Dimensions of Goodness” Conference, April 4-6, 2011



WHAT IS THE NOTRE DAME INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY?

The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS) is dedicated to fostering and supporting integrative scholarship addressing ultimate questions at the intersection of the arts, humanities, law, and natural, physical, and social sciences, especially those that transcend disciplinary boundaries.

The NDIAS encourages scholars to include questions of values in their analyses, to integrate diverse disciplines, and to ask how their findings advance civilization. The Institute offers its fellows the opportunity to engage not only in analysis but also in evaluating what should be done, to analyze the world in substantive and collaborative ways, and to think through the implications of present behavior for the future of the world.

Though the Institute has an open agenda, permitting scholars to pursue outstanding research in all areas, it has two interrelated emphases intended to help shape discourse and discovery at Notre Dame and within the wider academy:

- First, the Institute encourages fellows to reflect on the broad questions that link multiple areas of inquiry—questions that often escape scholars enmeshed in the everyday and sometimes narrow practices of their own discipline.
- Second, the Institute offers artists, professionals, scholars, and scientists an opportunity to explore the relationship between the descriptive (the world as it is) and the normative (the world as it ought to be).

As a collaborative academic community, the Institute cultivates the contemplative ideal that is an essential factor in the Catholic intellectual tradition and vital for the progression of scholarship. The greatest advances do not occur in solitude, but in the company of others who share a passion for advancement and are open to dialogue and collaboration.



CALL FOR FELLOWS

The Institute welcomes distinguished scholars with projects that are creative, innovative, or compatible with the intellectual orientation of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS), as well as those who are beginning their careers with promise and have appropriate projects.

Faculty and graduate students from academic institutions, researchers at national laboratories, fellows and scholars at institutes or centers for specialized or advanced study, and faculty and graduate students from the University of Notre Dame are invited to apply.

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that consider broad meta-questions that go beyond disciplinary boundaries and often link multiple disciplines, especially ambitious questions that stretch disciplinary approaches and knowledge in several fields.

NDIAS fellows remain in residence at the University of Notre Dame during their fellowship periods, which may range from three weeks to

ten months during the academic year. NDIAS fellows receive a stipend, research expenditures, an office in the Institute, and the opportunity to participate in all research workshops and events. Residential fellows outside of the local area also receive fully furnished housing.

The NDIAS will select up to eight residential fellows and two graduate student fellows for the 2011–2012 academic year. The Institute will eventually support up to twenty fellows and five graduate students annually.

The deadline for 2011–2012 fellowship applications is November 1, 2010.

Announcement of awards will be made in March 2011.

Fellowship Application Process

Fellowship applications for the 2011–2012 academic year, including letters of reference and all supporting documentation, must be received at the NDIAS by Monday, November 1, 2010.

Complete submission guidelines and application materials are available online at ndias.nd.edu/fellowships. Applications must be submitted in English, in Times New Roman 12-point font, and include the following:

1. A completed NDIAS Application Form.
2. A research proposal of no more than six double-spaced pages that must address proposal requirements, including how the proposed research aligns with the intellectual parameters, mission, and goals of the Institute (please see ndias.nd.edu/about-us).
3. A brief description or précis (not more than 400 words) of the research proposal.
4. A proposal bibliography of no more than two pages, single-spaced.
5. A current curriculum vita of no more than three pages that includes the applicant's publications, scholarly work, and/or professional experience.
6. Three letters of reference in English. For residential fellowship applications, no more than one may be from the applicant's home institution.

7. One writing sample (from applicants who completed their doctoral or other terminal degree in 2005 or later). Articles or book chapters submitted as samples should be sent electronically in Adobe Acrobat format (pdf).
8. **Optional:** Up to no more than two additional pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials, if required for understanding the proposal.

In some instances, the Institute may initiate an invitation to a select scholar or group of scholars who work on an area that is of pressing concern to the University, the academy, or the world. The Institute seeks scholars who would benefit from collaborative study of major problems and issues and from the rethinking of a discipline or an approach to a discipline.

Additional information and complete guidelines are available online at ndias.nd.edu/fellowships. Inquiries may be directed to:

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