

MGT-495

**Introduction to ethics & critical thinking**

Palazzo Guido

| Cursus                                  | Sem. | Type |
|---|------|------|
| Managmt, dur et tech                    | MA1  | Obl. |
| Minor in Engineering for sustainability | H    | Opt. |

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| Language of teaching | English             |
| Credits              | 3                   |
| Withdrawal Session   | Unauthorized Winter |
| Semester             | Fall                |
| Exam                 | During the semester |
| Workload             | 90h                 |
| Weeks                | 14                  |
| Hours                | <b>2 weekly</b>     |
| Courses              | 1.71 weekly         |
| Number of positions  | <b>40</b>           |

**It is not allowed to withdraw from this subject after the registration deadline.**

**Remark**

Courses given on IMD Campus.

**Summary**

In a society that is changing at high speed, the solutions that we have learned and the challenges we face, do no longer fit together. The accelerating ecological crisis and digitalization are profoundly transforming our way of life. In times of great change and disorientation, ethics moves center s

**Content****Block 1: 20.11** 08:30-12:30

The great transformation - Understanding the multiple crises of our age

**Block 2: 24.11.** 08:30-12:30

Imaginaries of the future

**Block 3: 27.11.** 08:30-12:30

Ethical decision making

**Block 4: 01.12.** 08:30-12:30

Evil in organizations (1)

**Block 5: 04.12.** 08:30-12:30

Evil in organizations (2)

**Block 6: 08.12.** 08:30-12:30

Presentation of group works

Critical thinking

**Keywords**

business ethics; ecological transition, storytelling, critical thinking, unethical behavior

**Learning Prerequisites****Required courses**

none

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Examine the various driving forces of the current societal crisis.
- Analyze sustainability narratives
- Manage ethical risks in organizations

### Assessment methods

Your grade is based on two individual assignments and one group assignment.

Assignment 1 (group): Narrating a better world. Delivery: Powerpoint presentation, 10 slides, groups of three students. (30% of the grade)

Assignment 2 (individual): Analyzing corporate scandals. Delivery: Essay of 800 words. (30% of the grade)

Assignment 3 (individual): Final ethical reflection essay. Delivery: Essay of 1000 words. (40% of the grade)

### Supervision

Office hours

No

Others

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### Resources

#### Bibliography

in the syllabus

#### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/MGT-495>