

## Ethical Profile

Very different types of ethical goals, values and methodologies exist. Globethics is a network of institutions and persons with very different approaches, but most of them focus on applied ethics in a global and local context. Historically, many of our participants come from an ecumenical Christian background, but it is now of community with all kind of religious and philosophical backgrounds and worldviews. Nevertheless, we share common principles

The ethical profile of Globethics is characterised as follows:

**Global ethics:** Today's global challenges and interdependency show the necessity to strengthen ethics as global ethics, to look for common values in different worldviews, cultures and religions.

**Contextual ethics:** At the same time, ethics has to be contextual if it wants to respect cultural, religious, political and economic diversity. It combines global challenges and local knowledge, global and contextual values.

**Academic and interdisciplinary ethics:** Most of the participants in the Globethics work on ethics in a scientific way, as part of universities, specialised institutes, research units of international or national, governmental or non-governmental organisations, but also as part of lobby, advocacy and development work or private sector engagement. Many of them work with an interdisciplinary approach.

**Applied ethics:** The main focus lies more on practical and less on fundamental ethics, which means on ethical reflection on burning issues within society and less on its meta-ethical and methodological foundation which of course is not excluded.

**Philosophical ethics:** Philosophical ethics, based on reason, contributes substantially to find common ground for values and ethical answers. The dialogue between philosophical and faith-based ethics is an integral part of Globethics.

**Theological ethics:** The world religions still play an important role for the ethical foundation in the different societies worldwide. Religious ethics has an enormous influence on millions of people up to religious communities. Theological ethics can contribute to global and contextual ethics.

**Ecumenical ethics:** Fundamentalism and new denominational developments grow worldwide. They can threaten peace, global integration and community. Ethics can and often must be rooted in a contextual denominational tradition, but Globethics combines it with the effort to strengthen ecumenical ethics.

**Inter-religious ethics:** A specific challenge is the inter-religious ethics. The dialogue and cooperation in ethical issues between the different world religions is difficult, but it is an important contribution to justice, peace and sustainability. Globethics wants to contribute to inter-religious ethics.