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DR TIM DEAN JOINS THE ETHICS CENTRE

Dr Tim Dean has joined The Ethics Centre this week as Senior Philosopher, where he will be helping to engage the public around pressing contemporary ethical issues. Tim is an award-winning philosopher, writer and Honorary Associate at the University of Sydney, and is the author of *How We Became Human*, a book about how our evolved moral minds are out of step with the modern world. He has a Doctorate in philosophy from the University of New South Wales on the evolution of morality and has expertise in ethics, critical thinking and philosophy of biology.

"We're thrilled that Tim has joined The Ethics Centre as a philosopher on staff. It's rare to find a skilled communicator who can take complex ethical concepts and express them with a clarity that highlights their relevance and significance to contemporary issues and everyday life," said **Dr Simon Longstaff, Executive Director of The Ethics Centre**.

Tim will also be contributing to The Ethics Centre's public events and workshops, drawing on his experience developing and delivering philosophy and emotional intelligence workshops for schools and businesses across Australia and the Asia Pacific, including The School of Life, Small Giants, Facebook, Commonwealth Bank, Aesop, Merivale and Clayton Utz. He has also been a writer and editor for science and technology publications, and regularly appears on radio and television to discuss the relevance of philosophy in everyday life.

He is a recipient of the Australasian Association of Philosophy Media Professionals' Award for his work on philosophy in the public sphere.

Dr Tim Dean said: "Ethics is what makes our species unique. It's our superpower. But understanding and engaging with ethics, figuring out our obligations to others, and adapting our sense of right and wrong to a changing world, is our greatest and most enduring challenge as a species."

[Read more about Tim's background and views on morality, social media and cancel culture here.](#)

Dr Tim Dean is available for interview and comment on the ethical dimension of breaking stories in the media, as well as the ethical challenges of everyday life, how we think about morality and the intersection of science, technology and ethics.

The Ethics Centre is a not-for-profit organisation designed to bring ethics to the centre of personal and professional life.

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