



THIS FESTIVE SEASON, EXPLORE THE ETHICS OF HOLIDAYS AND OF SECRETS WITH LEADING PHILOSOPHERS

The Ethics Centre has announced the latest ‘The Ethics Of...’ events, a popular and intimate series that tackles the meaning, mess and morality of everyday issues. Each event is more than just a talk; led by Australia’s best philosophers, they are intimate and engaging conversations that involve thought experiments, live performance and opportunities for participants to share their experiences, views and learn from each other.

Executive Director of The Ethics Centre, Dr Simon Longstaff AO said: “These events are an opportunity for us all to reflect on what it means to be human – they prompt a shared conversation that offers insights into who we are and how we relate to others.”

As we head into the Festive Season, audiences are invited to explore two big questions: does the sacred matter anymore? How do we find meaning in holidays that have been co-opted by commerce and consumerism? As festivals have morphed into ‘theme parks’, and feasts into family dinners, have we lost the grander meaning of holy-days in the modern world? Presented by **Dr Tim Dean**, The Ethics of Holidays (8 December) invites an exploration on how we could, and how we should, bring meaning back to the holidays in our lives.

On 23 November, **Dr Simon Longstaff AO** lifts the lid on secrets and their role in living an ethical life. What role do secrets play in our lives, and are there some secrets that are best kept? Are there secrets that we have a ‘right’ or ‘duty’ to keep private and others that we have a ‘responsibility’ to tell? Through interactive live role play, consider – can you keep a secret? And *should* you?

The Ethics Centre is an independent, not for profit that has been working to bring ethics to the centre of everyday life for over 30 years. It has convened ‘The Ethics Of...’ events since 2015, covering topics from extremism, addiction and identity, to consent, courage and truth. Delivered both in person and via livestream, the series gives audiences from across the country access Australia’s leading philosophers and the opportunity to examine the issues that make us truly human, from the good to the bad and everything in between.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

THE ETHICS OF SECRETS: 23 November, 6:30pm AEDT

THE ETHICS OF HOLIDAYS: 8 December, 6:30pm AEDT

In person at The Ethics Centre, Level 1, 161 Castlereagh St, Sydney or livestream online

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