



## JAN FRAN, CATHERINE MCGREGOR, JOHN BARRON & FATHER ROD BOWER JOIN LEADING PHILOSOPHERS TO DISCUSS THE ETHICS OF JOURNALISM, DUTY AND DEMOCRACY

*Can journalists rebuild public trust in an era of misinformation and disinformation? How do we redefine 'duty' in today's complex world of competing interests? Is democracy the best system for governing a society, or is it time for something new?*

In the latest series of The Ethics Centre's popular events, leading thinkers and experts tackle some of our most pressing ethical dilemmas.

"These events are more than just discussions; they're an invitation for us all to reflect on what it truly means to be human in today's world," says Dr. Tim Dean, Philosopher in Residence and Manos Chair in Ethics at The Ethics Centre. "Each conversation will aim to uncover valuable insights into who we are, how we relate to one another, and how we can navigate the challenges in our lives."

### The Ethics of Journalism

In an era marked by fractured trust and sensationalism, Walkley Award-winning journalist and TV presenter **Jan Fran** will join **Dr Tim Dean** to explore the role of journalism. How should journalists balance the need to attract eyeballs while avoiding sensationalism? Is true objectivity ever achievable, or are all stories influenced by bias? In a world where facts are under fire, how do we ensure that truth prevails? Does 'truth' even matter?

Offering valuable insights into the challenges confronting journalists, this in-demand event has already sold out in person, but livestream tickets are still available.

### The Ethics of Duty

What does 'duty' look like when we untangle it from things like obligation, orthodoxy and social pressure? **Catherine McGregor AM**, former officer in the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force, and transgender advocate, will join **Father Rod Bower**, known for the headline grabbing messages he once posted outside the Gosford Anglican Church, and **Dr Monty Badami**, an anthropologist, to tackle the complexities of

duty. When does duty transcend self-interest or even the law, and how do we reconcile this with the idea that those we serve may not always return the favour?

This conversation will take a deep dive into the nature and intersection of responsibility, obligation and choice.

### **The Ethics of Democracy**

On the eve of a Federal election, **John Barron**, the ABC's US politics analyst and co-host of Planet America, joins **Dr Gwilym David Blunt**, Fellow at The Ethics Centre, to critically examine democracy's role in shaping our society. Is democracy truly serving all its citizens, or is it in crisis? What are the real threats to democracy: apathy, despair, or something more insidious? Can democracy evolve, or should we be open to exploring alternatives? And in any case, do our votes really matter?

With the political landscape shifting rapidly, this event will provide essential insights into the ethical challenges democracy faces today.

### **More than just a talk**

Each event is designed to be an intimate and engaging conversation, offering attendees the chance to share their own experiences, ideas, and learn from some of Australia's leading philosophers and thought leaders. It's more than just a talk – it's a chance to come together and be part of a meaningful dialogue about the issues that matter.

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.

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- **THE ETHICS OF JOURNALISM: 20 MARCH, 6:30pm**  
In person SOLD OUT. Livestream tickets available
- **THE ETHICS OF DUTY: 3 APRIL, 6:30pm**  
In person and Livestream tickets available
- **THE ETHICS OF DEMOCRACY: 10 APRIL, 6:30pm**  
In person and Livestream tickets available

*In person events held at The Ethics Centre, Legion House, Level 1, 161 Castlereagh St, Sydney*

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