

THE IIPE CODE OF ETHICS

IIPE is an independent, not-for-profit and politically non-partisan body. The Institute's prime aim is to enhance understanding amongst, and facilitate co-operation between, all those who have an interest in Public Ethics. In order to achieve this aim the Institute seeks:

- To engage in and encourage practical research in Public Ethics
- To act as a forum for scholars and practitioners through international conferences, workshops and expert symposia
- To act as an advocacy for raising awareness at governmental and other levels of Public Ethics issues
- To offer guidance, advice and consultancy in the development and implementation of a wide range of tools to develop ethical awareness
- To help develop teaching programmes in the field of Public Ethics

This code applies to all Directors, Fellows and Members of IIPE (hereafter referred to as Members). The principles that guide all our activities in teaching, research, advocacy and consultancy are:

1. Integrity

As a professional body of scholars and practitioners, Members are expected to act with the highest standards of professional integrity, thus enhancing the public reputation of IIPE. Members are expected to act with self-control, tolerance and understanding, carrying out their responsibilities with skill, care and courtesy. Members are expected to support IIPE objectives and to adopt a collaborative, practitioner-based, holistic, people-centred, co-operative, sustained, and supportive approach to IIPE activities.

2. Impartiality and Independence

Members are expected to carry out IIPE activities 'without fear or favour' and be free from discrimination. IIPE is an independent body, concerned to raise awareness of ethical issues and to further best practice in research, teaching and consultancy. As such it will not favour one group of stakeholders over another. IIPE is a non-political body, concerned to 'speak truth or power' in furthering Public Ethics.

3. Accountability

Members are accountable to their peers in demonstrating professional integrity and in carrying out IIPE activities. The Directors of IIPE will discharge their responsibilities in accordance with legal and financial requirements.

4. Leadership

Members are committed to advancing the cause of Public Ethics and should take the lead in advocating and endorsing ethical action. Members will thrive in a culture of openness, building and maintaining trust amongst peers thus demonstrating that Public Ethics can be advanced.

5. Responsiveness

Members should respond to the legitimate rights and needs of clients, students and colleagues with courtesy and sensitivity and in a timely manner. Members should not seek to impose preferred solutions on uninformed clients or students but should seek to work with all stakeholders in furthering Public Ethics. Members should be sensitive to different cultural, religious, social and political affiliations.

6. Honesty

Members should be honest and trustworthy and should not be dishonest, corrupt, or fraudulent in carrying out IIPE activities. Members should also raise any possible conflicts of interest between acting on behalf of IIPE and acting in any other capacity.

7. Transparency

IIPE is concerned to disseminate good practice and as such IIPE activities should be transparent and communicated to all interested parties. IIPE activities should be open to scrutiny and evaluation of IIPE activities, by legitimate interests, should be encouraged.

8. Confidentiality

It is recognised that Members will need to respect client, customer and student confidentiality where appropriate. Where disclosure may lead to unwarranted embarrassment, disadvantage or physical harm to the party concerned then confidentiality should be respected. At the same time, information acquired in the pursuit of IIPE activities should not be used for personal gain.

9. Legality

As a body with an international focus, Members should recognise and uphold human rights declarations and international law. At the same time Members will respect the domestic law of whichever country IIPE activities take place.

10. Respect

Members should respect the laws and culture of countries within which they may be acting. Similarly, the views of all stakeholders, including students and all members of an organisation with whom IIPE may be working, should be respected. IIPE's philosophy is based on a people-centred approach which is non-discriminatory and recognises diversity. Members should respect the canons that govern scholarly activity such as obtaining consent from research participants, not misleading such participants and protecting participants from physical or mental harm.
