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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Centre for Ethics of the University of Tartu

Centre for Ethics of the University of Tartu was established in 2001 as an interdisciplinary unit within the Faculty of Philosophy. The Centre has involved professors and students from the diverse fields of philosophy, biology, medical studies, theology, law and social sciences to coordinate and improve the teaching of ethics within the university. The Centre also organizes and participates in international interdisciplinary research concerning the ethical issues in science, society and scientific research. Another objective is to assist Estonian society at large to reflect upon the issues of norms, values and justice through organizing public lectures, meetings and workshops as well as through publishing activities. The Centre has developed links with other ethics centres and organized visits of guest lecturers from Estonia and from abroad.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Prof. Toivo Maimets, co-director of the Centre, was elected to the position of vice-chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO.
- Head of the Centre, Prof. Margit Sutrop, was nominated as a candidate to the office of the Rector of the University of Tartu by the Faculty of Philosophy, the Faculty of Social Sciences and by 22 professors jointly. Prof. Sutrop polled 69 votes and was not elected. (The Rector will be elected by a 298-member Electoral College that consists of the members of the University Council, the members of the Councils of all UT Faculties and all regular professors of the University of Tartu. The candidate who receives the votes of at least 150 electors will be declared elected.)

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS AND SUPPORTS

1. Nordic Spaces grant “The Nordic Model of Democracy: Diffusion, Competition, Europeanisation”. The Main Applicant: Dr. Nicholas Aylott, School of Social Sciences, Södertörn University College. Partners: Department of Political Science, Umeå University, Department of Political Science, Greifswald University; Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu. Duration: 2008-2011, 425 000.- EUR
2. The governmental purveyance of Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs “An expert opinion about the handling of personal data connected to the digital case history in the context of bioethics and medical ethics”, from September 2006 till December 2008, 860 000.- EEK.
3. Environmental Investment Centre grant “Basic texts in environmental ethics” in association with Jakob Uexküll Centre. Duration September 2006 till August 2007, 117 100.- EEK.
4. Open Estonia Foundation and Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs grant “More Women into Politics” in association with Estonian Women Students Society. Duration: September 2006 till March 2007, 316 000.- EEK.
5. Estonian Gambling Tax Council grant for the establishment of the National Centre for Information, Documentation and Communication of Ethics, from March 2007 till February 2008, 300 000.- EEK.
6. Swiss Baltic Net project grant in association with the University of Berne for organizing two workshops and for publishing a collection of papers. Duration 2007 – 2008, 51 262.- CHF.
7. Support from the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research to organize a conference “Reflective Estonia: values and choices”, January-February 2007, 120 000.- EEK
8. Support from the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research to organize an essay contest under the auspices of the President of Estonia “What Kind of Estonia Do I Want to Live In?”, February – June 2007, 180 000.- EEK

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Upcoming projects

“The Nordic Model of Democracy: Diffusion, Competition, Europeanisation”. The proposed project concerns the Nordic "model" of democracy. Defined in terms of both institutional patterns and the values with which political discourse is laden and its relation to the Baltic states. Our interest is in whether elements of the model have diffused into political institutions and processes in these recently democratised Baltic states; or, alternatively, whether the process of Europeanisation has offered competition to the Nordic template; or, indeed, whether either source of change has had much impact. Specifically, we focus on (1) constitutional structures, (2) mechanisms of parliamentary control and scrutiny, (3) political parties and (4) the rhetorical parameters of political debate. Should such diffusion have occurred, the prospect of redefining the Nordic model of democracy to include the Baltic states and perhaps, given the importance of democracy in Nordic identity, even of redefining the traditional boundaries of the region would be raised.

Submitted proposals

Within the framework of European Union 7th Framework Program we submitted 3 proposals:

- 1) „*Post-trial obligations in developing countries*” (PTO), acronym: 'PTO-Develop'. Type of funding scheme: Collaborative Research Project. Work programme topics: Science in Society-2007-1.1.2.2. The proposal was prepared by dr. Kadri Simm, the University of Tartu as coordinator. Other participants are University of Lancashire (UK), University of Witwatersrand (South-Africa) and University of Zurich (Switzerland).
- 2) „*Inter-connected European information and documentation system for ethics and science: European Ethics Documentation Centre*”. Acronym: 'ETHICSWEB'. Type of funding scheme: Coordination and support actions (Coordinating). Work programme topics: Area 5.1.2.2 Conditions for an informed debate on ethics and science: Topic: Creation of and support to pan-European platforms: SiS-2007-1.2.2.1- European Ethics Documentation Centre. There are 15 partners; the coordinator is the University of Bonn, DRZE.
- 3) „*Ethical issues and stakeholders in personalized medicine*“. Acronym: 'ETHIPERM', coordinator: Dr. Michael Strähle, Wissenschaftsladen Wien, Science Shop Austria.

Partners: University of Padova, Department of Sociology, Italy; Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, Institute of Moral Theology and Social Ethics, Germany; Hacettepe University, Faculty of Pharmacy, Turkey; Ruhr University Bochum, Faculty of East Asian Studies, Germany and Centre for Ethics, University of Tartu, Estonia. ETHIPERM aims at carrying out comparative interdisciplinary research on ethical, cultural, and social issues emerging from personalised medicine and finding ways how to deal with them in a context of rapid progress in medical research and technological development. Research activities cover the European Union and China, Hongkong and Taiwan to allow for a view beyond the European Union. Because ETHIPERM is positioned on a meta-level and not so much on a micro-level of concrete questions, this will result in identifying possible neglected future challenges early, to ask appropriate questions and help policy makers to assess how to react in time to them and to consult with all potential stakeholders and persons concerned to find sustainable solutions.

In January 2007 we submitted a proposal „Ostseezentrum für Bioethik“ (2,5 million EUR) for Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung (Germany). The proposal had two main goals: to foster bioethics, philosophy and history of medicine through international and interdisciplinary exchange programs and to renovate the historically and architecturally valuable building Old Anatomicum. The proposal was discussed at the meeting of the board of the Stiftung on the 13th of June 2007 and by June 15th the board had informed the Centre that the proposal was not successful.

New partnerships

- On the 10th of May, 2007, Prof. Hans-Joachim Hannich, the director of the Institute of Medical Psychology at the University of Greifswald (Germany) visited the Centre and new project of collaboration was formed.
- Postgraduate Programme on Bioethics. The German Research Foundation (DFG) has agreed to support the Programme at the Interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities at the University of Tübingen. The Centre for Ethics at the University of Tartu is the official partner of this programme. Within the partnership a workshop will take place in September 2007 in Tartu.

Research grants to be continued

1. Estonian Science Foundation grant No. 6099: **“Ethical Aspects of Genetic Databases and New Technologies: Individual versus Common Values and Goods”** 2005-2008. The objective of the project is to study the philosophical-ethical issues that have emerged in connection with the speedy development of science and technology. We will take a closer look at the individual and collective values in bioethics and analyse the possible dilemmas when the individual and the collective good are not compatible. A good model for analysing the conflict between the liberal and the communitarian values, both in the context of bioethics as well as in that of politics in general, are the projects of **genetic databases** and the new technologies related to those of genomics in general (pharmacogenetics, nutrigenetics and the gene technology).
2. Estonian Science Foundation’s grant GFLFI 0420J for a **post-doc position**. The vacant position was fulfilled as a result of an international call by a research fellow from the University of Turku, Dr. Juho Ritola. Dr. Juho Ritola worked as a research fellow in the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Tartu, from the 1st of April 2005 until 31st of March 2007. His research topic was “Epistemic Approach to the Normative Theory of Argumentation”. Dr. Ritola left at the beginning of 2007, the position was filled by dr. Paul McLaughlin from Ireland (National University of Ireland).
3. Targeted research project **“Normativity: A Critical Study of Its Philosophical Foundations, Historical Sources, and Forms of Manifestation”** 2004-2007. In 2007 the annual sum was increased to 773 000 Estonian crowns . We engage in normative thinking because we are reflective creatures who have the capacity to reflect on our beliefs and desires, and ask, what one should do and how one should live. The project has three aims: firstly, it aims to find out the historical sources of normativity, secondly, to understand the nature of normative thinking and thirdly, to analyse its different forms of manifestation (science, morality, religion, politics, law, and art) both in history and in modern times.
4. The governmental purveyance of Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs **“An expert opinion about the handling of personal data connected to the digital case history in the context of bioethics and medical ethics”**, from September 2006 till December 2008.

Personal grants

- Külli Keerus, Herbert Quandt Stiftung scholarship for studying the academic year 2006/2007 at the University of Konstanz (Germany);

- Kadri Simm, fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society, Graz, Austria, January – June 2007
- Margit Sutrop, University of Konstanz (Germany) research scholarship, July 2007.

Completed research grants

***Volkswagen Stiftung* in Germany financed the Centre for Ethics project from 2001 to 2006. Grant holder was Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mittelstrass (University of Konstanz). The total budget was 200 000 euros.** The project's priorities were:

- the PhD school: the Centre provided five scholarships for PhD students for ethical research each year. Students from all faculties and research fields were eligible to apply.
- complementing the library;
- support for publishing work;
- inviting visiting Professors and lecturers - important for educational and scientific activities.

NorFa (Nordic Academy for Advanced Studies) supported networking project **“The Ethics of Genetic and Medical Information”** 2005-2006. The annual budget of the whole project was 200 000 Norwegian crowns. Other participating institutions were University of Helsinki, University of Iceland, Lund University and University of Central Lancashire. The network studied ethical and legal problems concerning genetic and medical information with a specific focus on issues raised by population-based databases containing medical and genetic data. The network was concerned with issues raised by the databases themselves, as well as research connected to such databases and potential applications.

Organized scientific conferences

Haunted Narratives – The Politics and Poetics of Identity Formation and Life Writing is a joint research project of philosophers, literary and cultural scholars from the University of Berne (Proffs. Gabriele Rippl, Philipp Schweighauser, Therese Steffen) and the University of Tartu (Proffs. Margit Sutrop, Tiina Ann Kirss). This effort is aimed at gathering insights into how individuals and communities deal with haunting memories and traumatic experiences, i.e. how they represent the past orally, acoustically, visually, and in written form. The focus of the project is on both the poetics and the politics of life writing (trauma narratives, memoirs, biographies, fictional autobiographies, biopics, etc.).

May 26th – 29th 2007, postgraduate and postdoctoral students from Berne and Tartu presented their work on life writing in 30-minute talks open to the public and closed 60-minute work-in-progress sessions. This first conference was held at the University of Tartu. In summer 2008, a follow-up conference will be held at the University of Berne.

Scientific articles

- 1) Kadri Simm „**An Argument for Benefit-Sharing Through Solidarity**“, *Social Justice in Context*, Vol. 2, 2006, pp. 47-64
- 2) Leno Saarniit “**A Public Service Code of Ethics Applied in a Transitional Setting: The Case of Estonia**”, *Public Integrity*, Vol.8, No 4, Fall 2006, pp. 403-405
- 3) L. Rooväli; Raul-Allan Kiiwet “**Geographical variations in hospital use in Estonia.**” *Health & Place*, Vol. 12, No. 2, 2006, pp. 195 - 202
- 4) Margit Sutrop “**Trust**” In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp 190-198
- 5) Kadri Simm “**Benefit Sharing and Genetic Databases**”, In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 159-169
- 6) Ants Nõmper “**Transforming principles of biolaw into national legislation: comparison of four laws in three aspects**”, In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 120-131
- 7) Rainer Kattel “**Genetic databases and governance**” In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 236-245
- 8) Kjell E. Eriksson, Margrét Lilja Gudmundsdóttir, Külliki Korts, Sue Weldon, “**A sociological perspective: public perceptions of privacy and their trust in institutions managing and regulating genetic databases**”, In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 45-46
- 9) Külliki Korts “**Estonia**” In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Arnason, M. Häyry, G. Arnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 47-52

- 10) Piia Tammpuu “**Public discourses on human genetic databases**” In *Ethics and Governance of Human Population Databases*, eds. R. Chadwick, V. Árnason, M. Häyry, G. Árnason. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, pp. 73-87
- 11) Roomet Jakapi “**Christian Mysteries and Berkley’s Alleged Non-Cognitivism**“. In *Reexamining Berkeley’s Philosophy*, ed. S.H. Daniel. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2007, pp. 209-217 (in press)
- 12) Roomet Jakapi “**Berkeley’s Defence of the Scripture in Alciphron VI.**“ In *L’Alciphron de Berkeley: contextes, arguments, lectures*, eds. L. Jaffro, G. Brykman. Hildesheim: Georg Olms Verlag, pp. 114-118 (in press)
- 13) K. Willifor; Roomet Jakapi “**Berkeley's Theory of Meaning in Alciphron VII.**” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2007, pp. 267 - 290. (in press)
- 14) Roomet Jakapi “**Was Berkeley a Utilitarian?**” *Acta Philosophica Fennica. Special issue: Human nature as the basis of morality and society*. 2007. Ed. by I. Niiniluoto; J. Lemetti; Eva Piirimäe. Helsinki: Helsinki University Press (in press)
- 15) Eva Piirimäe “**Noble National Pride and Political Agency: Johann Georg Zimmermann's Theory of Patriotism.**” *Acta Philosophica Fennica. Special issue: Human nature as the basis of morality and society*. Ed. by I. Niiniluoto; J. Lemetti; Eva Piirimäe. 2007. Helsinki: Helsinki University Press (in press)
- 16) Eva Piirimäe “**Estonian nationalism in the European context**” (in Estonian.) *The Estonian Historical Journal*, 2007, (118), (in press)
- 17) Kadri Simm “**Benefit-sharing: a look at the history of an ethics concern**”. *Nature Reviews Genetics*, 2007, Vol 8, No 7, p. 496.

Participation and presentations in conferences and meetings

1. September 4th -6th 2006 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture at the conference „Science and Democracy“ at the Nobel Museum and Södertörn University College, Sweden.
2. September 14th – 17th 2006 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture at the conference „Watching Europe“, Como, Italy.
3. November 6th 2006 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*Do Science and Art bring wealth?*” at Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation in Tartu.
4. November 24th – 25th 2006 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture „*The contested search for universal principles in bioethics*“ at the Interdepartmental Centre for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities of the University of Tübingen, Germany;

5. December 1st – 3rd 2006 Kristi Lõuk gave a lecture „*Die Werte der Esten am Beispiel des Gen-Projekts*“ at symposium „Wandel und Konstanten – 15 Jahre unabhängiges Estland“. Basel, Switzerland;
6. January 6th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The ethical dimension of Estonia as a civilized state*” at the conference organized in Tallinn by Estonian Artistic Association.
7. January 25th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture „*Ethics in the situation of crises. Values and choices*” in Tallinn, at the conference of the 88th anniversary of Estonian prisons.
8. February 6th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*About the place of Estonia on the European map of values*” in Tallinn, at the conference “Reflective Estonia: values and choices” organized by the Centre for Ethics in association with the Estonian Ministry of Science and Education and daily newspaper Eesti Päevaleht.
9. February 6th 2007 Dr. Eva Piirimäe gave a lecture “*National pride*” at the conference “Reflective Estonia: values and choices” in Tallinn, Estonia.
10. February 14th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a presentation to the members of the President’s Academic Advisory Board, where she introduced the national ethicsweb and the possibility to open a forum with the essay contest “What kind of Estonia Do I Want to Live in?”.
11. February 27th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The values of Estonia and the moral choices of police*” at the 2nd ethics conference “The values and stumbles of Estonian police” organized by the Estonian police in Tallinn.
12. March 8th 2007 prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*Public relations and ethics*” at the annual conference of the Estonia association of PR-workers in Tartu, Estonia.
13. March 9th 2007 prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The ethical choices in Sports*” at the conference “Science, sports and medicine VII” in Tartu, Estonia.
14. March 17th – 18th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture „*Biobanks and the question of trust*“at the workshop „Technology and Culture: Genetics and it’s Ethical and Social Implications in Asia and Europe“ Bangkok, Thailand.
15. March 19th – 23rd 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture „*The unity of ethics in the face of diversity of morals?*“at the 8th Asian Bioethics Conference, in Bangkok, Thailand.
16. March 23rd 2007 Dr. Kadri Simm gave a lecture “*Practical Ethics: Limits and Possibilities*” at the workshop “Genetically modified plants: ethical issues” in Turku, Finland.

17. March 30th 2007 Dr. Kadri Simm gave a lecture “*Governance and the Estonian Genome Project*” at the seminar to the Marie Cure Fellows in York, UK.
18. April 9th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutropi presented „*Introduction to bioethics. Case study: Estonian Genome Project*” during the project „International Science Academy Estonia“ in Tartu, Estonia.
19. April 10th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The ethical aspects of health sector database*” in Tartu, Estonia.
20. April 12th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The goals of education in society – The challenges of Estonia*” at the conference on lifelong learning in Tallinn, Estonia
21. April 14th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*Citizen and ethics*” at the seminar of Summer University in Tartu, Estonia.
22. April 20th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutropi gave a lecture “*The central principles and values of medical ethics*” at the training of the ethics committee of the Tartu University Hospital.
23. May 16th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*Individualism versus collectivism*” at 10th anniversary conference of the Chamber of the disabled persons in Tallinn, Estonia.
24. 18th of May 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The traditions of Estonian school and the values of changing society*” at the conference “Teacher – the carrier of values in society” in Tallinn, Estonia.
25. 25th of May Dr. Kadri Simm gave a lecture “*Governing the Estonian Genome Project*” at the conference “Critical Issues in Science and Technology Studies” Graz, Austria.
26. May 31st 2007 Kristi Lõuk gave a presentation “*The cost and value of free speech*” at conference “Freedom of speech: concept and reality”, in Tartu, Estonia
27. June 7th 2007 Prof. Margit Sutrop gave a lecture “*The relationship between ethics and the creation of law*” at the Forum of Judges in Tartu, Estonia.
28. June 15th – 16th 2007 Dr. Roomet Jakapi gave a lecture “*Samuel Colliber and the ‘intermediate state’ of soul*” at the annual conference of Estonian philosophy in Tallinn.

Theses defence and supervision

Supervision:

Doctoral studies:

Jaan Kangilaski, „Conceptual Schemes, Translatability and Truth”. Supervisor: Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu)

Maili Karindi, „The professional ethics of Estonian special educators in theory and practice”. Supervisor Dr. Kadri Simm (University of Tartu).

Küllli Keerus, "The Possibilities of Contractual Moral Theory in Environmental Ethics", Supervisors Prof. Olli Loukola (Helsinki University) and Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu).

Aive Pevkur, „End of Life Related Philosophical Problems in Medical Ethics“. Supervisor: Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu)

Master's studies (4+2):

Helen Eenmaa, „The Morality of War“. Supervisor Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu)

Kaimar Karu, "Linguistic Relativity". Supervisor Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu)

Katrin Laas, „Justifying Privacy on the Example of Personal Identity Management Technologies“. Supervisor Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu)

Master's studies (3+2):

Indrek Reiland, "John Mackie and Anti-Realism in Ethics." Supervisor Prof. Margit Sutrop

Roope Rotko, “Solidarity in liberalism and communitarianism”, Supervisor Dr. Kadri Simm

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During academic year 2006/2007 the Centre for Ethics organized many courses for undergraduate and graduate students. Visiting lecturer from Ireland Dr. Paul McLaughlin (National University of Ireland) gave lectures in fall term 2006 and continued in spring term 2007. Dr. Paul McLaughlin gave two lecture courses each semester “**Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy**” and “**Education and Society**” (fall 2006) and “**Environmental Philosophy**” and “**John Dewey’s “Democracy and Education”**” (spring 2007). Visiting Professor Hubert Schleichert from University of Konstanz (Germany) gave a lecture “**Four Lectures on Confucius and Laozi**” on September 26-29, 2006.

Fall term 2006:

1. “**Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy**”, lectured by Dr. Paul McLaughlin (65 students).

2. **“Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy”**, for the students of the Tartu Open University, lectured by Marek Järvi (36 students).
3. **“Lectures on Confucius and Laozi”**, lectured by Prof. Hubert Schleichert (9 students).
4. **“Education and Society”**, lectured by Dr. Paul McLaughlin (6 students)
5. **Ethics of Pedagogy** for the students of the Tartu Open University, lectured by Indrek Männiste (33 students)
6. **“Colloquia for the PhD students”**, supervised by Prof. Margit Sutrop (7 students)
7. **“Colloquia for the MA students”**, supervised by Prof. Margit Sutrop (6 students).

Spring term 2007:

1. **“The Basics of Ethics”** for all students of the University of Tartu, lectured by Prof. Margit Sutrop (517 students).
2. **“The Basics of Ethics”** for all humanities fields students of the Tartu Open University, lectured by Ass. Prof. Valdar Parve (134 students).
3. **“Practical Ethics”** lectured by Dr. Paul McLaughlin (22 students)
4. **“Environmental Philosophy”** lectured by dr. Paul McLaughlin (21 students)
5. **“Academic Writing”** lectured by Prof. Tiina Ann Kirss (24 students)
6. **“The Methodology and Ethics of Science”** lectured by Prof. Margit Sutrop and Ass. Prof. Endla Lõhkivi (37 students)
7. **“Philosophy of History”**, lectured by Dr. Eva Piirimäe (25 students)
8. **“Definition and defining”**, lectured by Marek Volt (17 students)
9. **“Colloquia for the PhD students”**, supervised by Dr. Paul McLaughlin (7 students).

ACTIVITIES AIMED TOWARDS ESTONIAN PUBLIC

New grants

Grant from Estonian Gambling Tax Council “**The National Centre for Information, Documentation and Communication of Ethics**” (acronym: REDIKK). We are currently at a third and final stage of a three year project. Duration: from March 2007 till February 2008, 300 000.00 EEK.

Grants to be continued

1. **The National Centre for Information, Documentation and Communication of Ethics** (*REDIKK*) from Estonian Gambling Tax Council. Duration: from March 2006 till February 2007, 300 000.00 EEK. The purpose of REDIKK: gathering information and documentation concerning ethics. Making such information available to target groups: ethics committees, scientists, lawyers, politicians, civil servants, journalists, business persons, NGOs, pupils, teachers, etc. Creation of internet forum for discussing ethical issues. Information is gathered and presented about normative ethics, public ethics, health care ethics, business ethics, ethics of law, ethics of science, biomedical research ethics, food and agricultural ethics, environmental ethics, ethics of new technologies, ethics of data collection and processing, media ethics, pedagogical ethics. Another purpose is to create a network of highly qualified experts. Target groups are informed of the existence and of the possibilities of the database and of the availability of receiving advice from the expert network.
2. **Handbook of codes of conduct.** Grant from the Open Estonia Foundation, duration: from May 2006 till June 2007, 100 000.00 EEK. To draw attention to the ethical behaviour and responsibilities within Estonian society the Centre for Ethics is currently elaborating and composing a handbook of codes of conduct. The handbook is aimed towards non-governmental organizations, public and private sector organizations to help compose their own codes of conduct.

Interdisciplinary Colloquia

The Centre’s interdisciplinary colloquia and seminars are devoted mainly to ethics but also to wider philosophical issues.

- September 8th 2006 **Prof. Glen H Stassen**, Fuller Theological Seminary (USA) “The Ethics of Peacemaking“

- September 25th 2006 **Prof. emeritus Hubert Schleichert**, University of Konstanz (Germany) “Remarks on Discrimination and Limits of Toleration”
- May 10th 2007 **Prof. Hans-Joachim Hannich**, University of Greifswald (Germany) „The bladder in room 12 or: behind each disease is a person. An introduction into Medical Psychology“
- June 13th 2007 **Dr Sandor Kariko**, University of Szeged (Hungary), „The Collective Memory in Post-Stalinist Societies: Guilt and Forgiveness in Transition”.

Conference

The Centre for Ethics together with the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research and the daily newspaper Eesti Päevaleht, organized a conference “Reflective Estonia: values and choices” on the 6th of February 2007, in Tallinn. Topics under discussion were: civil society, democracy, law and ethics, nationalism, integration, identity, education and values.

Presentations by Prof. Margit Sutrop (University of Tartu); Prof. Jaak Aaviksoo (University of Tartu); Dr. Iivi Anna Masso (University of Helsinki); Prof. Marju Lauristin (University of Tartu); Prof. Mati Heidmets (University of Tallinn), Peep Mühls (Public Understanding Foundation); Dr. Eva Piirimäe (University of Tartu); Prof. Raivo Vetik (University of Tallinn); Merle Karusoo (Development Centre of Pirgu); Erkki Hulkki (University of Helsinki) and Dr. Halliki Harro-Loit (University of Tartu).

All presentations were published in Estonian in social-political journal “Möte” on the 27th of February 2007.

Workshops

- 16th of February 2007 in Tartu, in collaboration with the Estonian Women Student Society a discussion session titled "**Generations of Female Politicians**" (35 participants).
- 22nd of February 2007 in Tallinn, in collaboration with the Estonian Women Student Society a discussion session titled "**Why and for whom is Equal Representation in Politics Necessary?**" (25 participants)
- 28th of February 2007 in Tartu, in collaboration with the Estonian Women Student Society a discussion session titled "**What is the Role of Women in Politics?**" (40 participants)

- 28th of March 2007 in Tartu, in collaboration with the Estonian Women Student Society a discussion session titled “**How did the elections go? Discussion from the point of sociology, media and political science**” (40 participants).

Essay contest

From the 23rd of February till the 23rd of April 2007 in collaboration with the Office of the President of Estonia, an essay contest titled "**What Kind of Estonia Do I Want to Live In?**" was organized. 326 essays were submitted and the essays were read by prominent reviewers who chose 10 works from each category (the elementary school; the secondary school and adults). The three best from each category were chosen by the President's Academic Advisory Board. The winners were announced on the 22nd of June at a reception at the Office of the President. The best works will be published by the end of 2007.

Handbook of codes of conduct

A working group for **elaborating the principles of codes of ethics and the composition of the handbook of the codes of ethics** was established already in November 2004. Members of the working group were: Margit Sutrop (Centre for Ethics), Aive Pevkur (expert of ethics of the State Chancellery of Estonia, PhD student of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Tartu), Margus Tõnissaar (PhD student of the Department of Psychology of the University of Tartu and magazine *Estonian Police*), Toivo Aavik (PhD student of the Department of Psychology of the University of Tartu, *Volkswagen Stiftung* scholar), Küllli Keerus (Centre for Ethics), Ants Nõmper (PhD student of the Faculty of Law of the University of Tartu, *Volkswagen Stiftung* scholar), Leno Saarniit (PhD student of the Department of Public Administration of the University of Tartu, *Volkswagen Stiftung* scholar), Kadri Simm (PhD student of the Department of Philosophy of the University of Tartu, *Volkswagen Stiftung* scholar), Ivo Volt (PhD student of the Chair of Classical Philology of the University of Tartu, *Volkswagen Stiftung* scholar).

To publish the handbook an application for funding was handed in to the Open Estonia Foundation. The application was granted in May 2006. In spring 2007 the material was edited and handed over to the publisher (Eesti Keele Sihtasutus).

The handbook discusses the nature of codes of conduct, presents various types of codes and analyses the problems that may arise when the codes are proposed or implemented.

The official presentation of the book took place on the 26th of June 2007 in Tartu.

Presentations were given by Margit Sutrop (Centre for Ethics), Ain Alvin (Estonian Bar Association); Sirje Orvet (Estonian Association of Secretaries), Helve Rimmel (Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers in Estonia), Maie Kreegipuu (Society of Estonian Psychologists) and Margus Tõnissaar (Estonian Police).

Activities aimed towards school pupils

- 1) The Centre for Ethics was one of the partners alongside the Gifted and Talented Development Centre of the University of Tartu, Centre for Molecular and Clinical Medicine and Domus Dorpatensis, that organized a joint project with Germany “**International Science Academy Estonia**” for pupils from Estonia and Germany. The pupils spent one week at the labs and during the second week they listened to lectures about the ethics of science.
- 2) March 29th – April 1st 2007 the Centre co-organized the **National Olympiad of Philosophy for school pupils**. Two of the best participants will go on to the International Olympiad of Philosophy, which will take place in Turkey.
- 3) During academic year 2006/2007 **an internet-based course of philosophy for pupils** at the Gifted and Talented Development Centre of the University of Tartu took place. Topics under discussion were philosophy of mind, philosophy and methodology of the natural and social sciences, philosophy of morality, practical ethics. For each topic there was an online-seminar, test and essay. Conducted by Aire Vaher (Centre for Ethics, MA student of the Department of Philosophy of the Tartu University).
- 4) **A working group for the establishment of the course of philosophical ethics to curricula of gymnasiums in Estonia** was established.

Centre for ethics in the media

- Margit Sutrop „**The ethics of electing the President**“. *Eesti Päevaleht*, 26th of September 2006.
- Margit Sutrop „**Freedom and responsibility**“. *Postimees. AK.*, 20th of January 2007.

- Margit Sutrop „**In search of happiness**”. *Eesti Ekspress. Areen*, 22nd of February 2007.
- Margit Sutrop „**About the Estonian place in the European space of values**”. *Eesti Päevaleht, Mõte*, 27th of February 2007.
- Valle-Sten Maiste interviewed Kristi Lõuk. „**In more successful countries gender equality has been considered important for decades**”. *Sirp*, 20th of April 2007.
- Margit Sutrop „**The university at crossroads**”. *Postimees*, 30th of May 2007.

Additionally that Prof. Margit Sutrop has presented several comments and speeches on television and radio.

PUBLISHING AND COMPLEMENTATION OF LIBRARY

Publishing

- In **March 2007** the book “**Estonian Female Ministers. Collection of writings about women at the top of politics**” was published. Editors: Margit Sutrop, Kristi Lõuk, Toomas Kiho. Publisher: Eesti Keele Sihtasutus.
- In **June 2007** the “**Handbook of codes of conduct**” was published. Authors: Toivo Aavik, Külli Keerus, Kristi Lõuk, Ants Nõmper, Aive Pevkur, Leno Saarniit, Kadri Simm, Margit Sutrop, Margus Tõnissaar, Aire Vaher ja Ivo Volt. Publisher: Eesti Keele Sihtasutus.

Book presentations, reviews, comments

- Urmet Kook „**To leave the mark in Estonian politics, one does not have to be a female minister**”. *Eesti Päevaleht*, 18th of May 2007.
- Mari-Liis Sepper „**Mother seizes hand portfolio**”. *KesKus*, April 2007
- Kerttu Jänese „**The book interviews Estonian female ministers.**” *Tartu Postimees*, 26th of March 2007
- Kristi Lõuk „**A book provides an overview of Estonian female politicians**”. *Universitas Tartuensis*, 16th of March 2007.

Book presentations took place on March 16th 2007 in Tallinn and on March 27th in Tartu.

To be published

- **A compendium of a lecture-series “Great Works of Ethics”** will be published as a publication of Eesti Keele Sihtasutus. The lectures took place in spring term 2004.
- Visiting lecturer Prof. Tiina Kirss (Toronto University, University of Tartu) **will compose internet based teaching materials**, based on her course “Hazards of Academic Writing” lectured in the Centre during the academic year 2004/2005.

Library

Complementing the library continues. The library has more than **4000 entries in total** together with the books that belong to the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Tartu. The books have been entered into the all-Estonian **electronic catalogue ESTER**.

The primary focus of complementing the library is on essential study and research materials. Several specialists from other faculties (Faculties of Philosophy, Law and Social Sciences) have made their suggestions in terms of much-needed literature. Ordering journals continues - *Hastings Centre Report, Journal of Mass Media Ethics, Bioethics* and *Environmental Ethics*. These journals are available for public use only in the library of the Centre.

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

Duties of Prof. Margit Sutrop since 2007:

- Member of the international advisory board of the University of Konstanz;
- Member of the Foundation of Science and Culture *Domus Dorpatensis*;
- Head of the Programme Committee of Value-clarification programme at the Ministry of Education and Research;
- Member of the board of the social-political journal “Möte”.

Since 2006:

- Member of the executive advisory board of the *Encyclopedia for Applied Ethics*;
- Member of the Estonian National Commission for UNESCO;
- Member of the European Commission Advisory Board for Humanities in the 7th Framework Programme;
- Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the Estonian President;
- Member of the expert committee in humanities at the Council of Scientific Competence at the Ministry of Education and Research;
- Member of the advisory board of the Integration Programme at the Estonian Government;
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Health Sector Database at the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Since 2007 Kristi Lõuk is member of the Ethics Review Committee on Human Research of the University of Tartu.

DIRECTORATE

Prof. Margit Sutrop, director, Professor of Practical Philosophy of the University of Tartu.

Prof. Raul-Allan Kiivelt, co-director, Professor of Health Care Policy of the University of Tartu.

Prof. Anne Lill, co-director, Professor of Classical Philology of the University of Tartu.

Prof. Toivo Maimets, co-director, Professor of Molecular Biology of the University of Tartu.

Prof. Jaan Sootak, co-director, Professor of Criminal Law of the University of Tartu.

OUR TEAM

Prof Margit Sutrop is head of the Centre for Ethics which she helped to establish in year 2001. Professor of Practical Philosophy of the University of Tartu since September 2000, current research interests include early modern and contemporary moral philosophy and bioethics.

Kadri Simm is the Project Manager of the Centre for Ethics since November 2002. She graduated from the department of history of the University of Tartu in 2000 and did her MA in Gender Studies in the Central European University in Budapest in 2001. In November 2005 she defended her PhD thesis ("Benefit-sharing: an inquiry into justification") in philosophy at the University of Tartu. During 2006/2007 she continued her post-doctoral studies in Austria.

Triin Paaver works for the Centre of Ethics since May 2006. She coordinates the Centre's everyday activities and assists Prof. Margit Sutrop. She graduated from the Department of Semiotics of the University of Tartu (2006).

Marko Ringo is working at the Centre for Ethics as a project manager since May 2007. His main functions are to organize events, compose publications, communicate with both the public and media, and collect information about ethics to the webpage of the Centre. He graduated from the Department of Political Science (2003) and completed his MA at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva (2005).

Kristi Lõuk is working at the Centre since 2003. Since August 2006 she works as a project manager. She has a BA in Philosophy (University of Tartu). Her main areas of interest are moral philosophy and bioethics and she is completing a Masters thesis in philosophy.

Aire Vaher is the employee of the Centre for Ethics since October 2003. Her main tasks are to help the guests of the Centre's library, to enter book data into the electronic catalogue ESTER, to develop the teaching of philosophy and ethics in secondary schools and to help the colleagues of the Centre. She graduated in philosophy (BA) in 2004 and her main research interest lies in environmental ethics. She is learning pedagogy to receive a teacher's certificate.

Kadri Lutt is an assistant in the Centre since August 2006. She is in charge of complementing the library and she also helps the guests of the Centre's library. She graduated (BA) from the department of philosophy in 2006 and is doing her Masters at present in written translation.

Laura Lilles is an assistant at the Centre since September 2006. Her main task is to search materials for the national ethicsweb. She also helps the guests of the Centre's library. She graduated (BA) from the department of theology at the University of Tartu in 2004. She is learning theology to receive her Masters degree.

Mari-Liis Tina is an assistant at the Centre since March 2006. Her main tasks are to help the guests of the Centre's library and to assist the colleagues of the Centre. She is a third-year student of literature and folklore at the University of Tartu.

Mats Volberg is an assistant at the Centre since May 2007. He is a second-year student of philosophy at the University of Tartu. His main task is to take care of the Centre's webpage.