



DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES AND BUSINESS ETHICS
LGST 100: CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS
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INSTRUCTOR

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OVERVIEW

This course explores corporate responsibility and ethics from a multidisciplinary and multi-stakeholder perspective. It reviews theories and practice of corporate ethics, responsibility, and liability and illustrates how they apply to a number of complex business, development, and policy situations in the

¹ The I4A Initiative has reached nearly 2,000,000 individuals by print and social media. Over 1,800 registered teams with more than 10,000 students and young professionals from 130 different countries sent nearly 1,400 proposals. In addition, Ideas for Action hosts special events at the IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings. For more details visit: <http://www.ideas4action.org/>

evolving global business landscape. Issues are organized in relation to key stakeholders of business leaders in a global economy: the providers of capital, business partners, consumers, clients, labor, multilateral development actors, and the broader society. The course emphasizes the interplay between the economic dimensions of these issues as well as their ethical, environmental, and social aspects. Its objective is to help students anticipate complex issues that they will confront in their professional careers and to develop skills to think more clearly and critically about how such issues can and should be resolved. This action-oriented course will help students to analyze the ways in which these issues ought to figure in decision-making by responsible business leaders and in the structure and activities of business and hybrid enterprises. Various frameworks will be presented that can be used in identifying, structuring, executing, and evaluating business led projects with economic and social goals.

Thought-provoking class sessions help reframe issues so that the right problems are addressed. The focus is on rigorous and in-depth analysis of real-life cases, role-playing and decision-making exercises, and theoretical frameworks and tools used for interpreting practical problems in business with strong ethical challenges and making business a force for co-creating blended value and shared prosperity. To assure that the course concepts remain anchored in practical application, students will form teams reflecting their career interests or past experiences in particular industries. They will then prepare a class presentation to be delivered in the last class outlining action plans that resolve conflicting business, ethical, and responsibility dilemmas in creating blended value. This project work will provide additional flexibility for personalized intellectual exploration, based on students' background, experience, and career paths. The students will have a choice to submit their proposals to the I4A program/competition with the World Bank, as well as participate in IdeasLabs, jointly organized with the World Bank². Writing assignments will also be tailored to meet students' individual needs and interests.

GRADING

Overall Contribution to Class (35%) The course is intended to allow students to develop the analytic skills and substantive framework to address challenges as they arise in business. Many of these challenges will involve justifying one's position to those in disagreement. To this end, the course emphasizes articulating reasoned arguments. Class participation is an integral component of this emphasis. Accordingly, unexcused absences will count against one's grade. Class attendance, class participation, class debates, case study analysis, assignments, project work, instructor evaluation, and peer ratings will comprise 35% of the grade. The Peer Rating component will work as follows. Each student will rate (on a secure website with confidentiality assured) each other student on a 1 (bottom) -- 10 (top) scale based on that peer's overall, demonstrated contribution to the class's learning and development. Comments on each student's specific contributions will be solicited and weighed in the "Contribution to Class" grade awarded by the instructor. The submission of a "legacy paper" is also required (pass/fail).

Midterm Exam (20%) A midterm exam, given in class, will account for 20% of the available points. The midterm exam will focus on utilizing the readings in case study analysis.

² In 2015 and 2016, respectively one project from Wharton was among the three winning submissions, out of nearly 400 submissions per year globally. In 2017 a project from Wharton was among the six finalists. For more details visit: <http://www.ideas4action.org/> or

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ideas4action?view_public_for=1550087675237501

Final Exam (45%) A final exam, given in class, will account for 45% of the available points. The final exam will focus on utilizing the readings in case study analysis.

Legacy Assignment (Due Date: **Beginning of Second Session**): Students will be required to submit a short note two pages in length (12-point type, doubled spaced) on *My Legacy: In 2050, when you look back at your life (both personal and professional) what will you consider to be your main achievement – your legacy?* Students should bring a hard copy to be submitted at the beginning of the second session as well as submit their assignment on the **Canvas** course website or send by email prior to class. Pass/Fail grade.

Project Work: At the very beginning of the semester, students are required to specify a need with strong economic, and social and/or environmental dimensions and to evaluate the potential and appropriateness for the need to be met through a business-based approach. Examples of business-based approaches include harnessing existing business enterprises, starting a new business or social enterprise, government policies to encourage business involvement, and applying business skills and thinking to non-business organizations. This project work aims to provide additional flexibility for personalized intellectual exploration, based on students' background, experience, and career paths.

Final grades, consisting of class participation, project work, class debates, and assignments (35%), mid-term (20%) and the final exam (45%), may be adjusted to conform to an acceptable distribution. This curve may increase or decrease the final grade awarded.

Change of Grades: With the exception of clerical/coding errors, there will be no change of grades issued after final grade sheets are delivered to the University Registrar.

EXPECTATIONS - CONCERT RULES

Class will be conducted according to concert rules:

- Class starts and ends exactly on time. Students and faculty are expected to be timely.
- Students are to sit according to a seating chart.
- Students should remain in attendance for the duration of class, except in an emergency.
- Students should display nameplates.
- Aside from cases of major illness, an absence may be excused only with prior notice to the professor – who will decide in accordance with his own discretion whether or not to excuse the absence.
- No computers, tablets, or other electronic devices may be used in class. Nope, not kidding.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Guest speakers are invited to address the topics in the course. Whenever possible, opportunities will be arranged for students to interact with speakers outside of class. **The order and content of topics in the reading list and calendar may change depending on the schedule of guest speakers.**

READING LIST AND COURSE OUTLINE

There is no textbook for this course. This syllabus and the readings are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor to accommodate the flow and interests of the class. New cases and material may be substituted for those listed. If unsure of any assignments, please ask for clarification at the end of class. **Canvas should list specific assignments and due dates.** “S” = material available through Study.net (<https://www.study.net>). All other materials are available through Canvas (<https://wharton.instructure.com/login>) drawn from a variety of primary and secondary sources. The reading for each class must be completed before the lesson for which it is assigned.

Class 1, January 16

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW: WHAT’S A BUSINESS FOR?

Required Readings:

1. Milton Friedman, "The Social Responsibility of Business Is To Increase Its Profits", New York Times Magazine, September 13, 1970. Reprint 96502. **S**
2. Sen A., "Does Business Ethics Make Economic Sense?" In from Donaldson, T., & Werhane, P. H. (Eds.) *Ethical Issues in Business: A Philosophical Approach* (8th Edition). Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, pp. 256-264, 1993 **S**

Case Study:

1. Debora L. Spar, "Hitting the Wall: Nike and International Labor Practices", Harvard Business School Case 9-700-047, September 6, 2002. **S**

Additional Readings (optional):

Charles Handy, "What's Business for?" Harvard Business Review, December 2002.

Class 2, January 23

ETHICAL REASONING AND RESPONSIBILITY ACROSS CULTURES

Required Readings:

1. Thomas Donaldson and Patricia Werhane, "Introduction to Ethical Reasoning", from Donaldson, T., & Werhane, P. H. (Eds.) *Ethical Issues in Business: A Philosophical Approach* (8th Edition). Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, pp. 1-12 **S**
2. Donaldson, Thomas, "Values in Tension: Ethics Away from Home," Harvard Business Review, September-October, 1996. **S**

Case Study:

1. Petkoski Dj. *Restoration of the Sea Star*, World Bank Institute, the World Bank, 2002³

Legacy Assignment:

Please submit a short note, two pages in length (12-point type, doubled spaced) on *My Legacy: In 2050, when you look back at your life (both personal and professional) what will you consider to be your main achievements – your legacy?*

³ Available on Canvas

Class 3, January 30

MANAGING FOR STAKHOLDER, RESPONSIBILITY, AND PERSONAL VALUES

Required Readings:

1. R. Edward Freeman, "Managing for Stakeholders," from Donaldson, T., & Werhane, P. H. (Eds.) *Ethical Issues in Business: A Philosophical Approach* (8th Edition). Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, pp. 39-53. **S**
2. Clayton M. Christensen, *How will You Measure your Life?*, Harvard Business Review, July-August, 2010 **S**

Mini Case Study⁴:

1. Zimpel

Class 4, February 6

STAKEHOLDERS RESPONSIBILITY, NEW CHALLENGES, AND INSTITUTIONAL VOID

Required Readings:

1. Rangan, Kasturi, Lisa Chase, and Sohel Karim. "The Truth about CSR", Harvard Business Review 93, (January–February 2015): 40–49. **S**

Case Study:

2. Ray Goldberg, Carin-Isabel Knoop, and Djordjija Petkoski, *Seeding Growth in the Democratic Republic of Congo*, Harvard Business School Case Study, 2013 **S**

Additional Readings (optional):

1. Donaldson and Dunfee, T., "A Social Contracts Approach to Business Ethics," from Donaldson, T., & Werhane, P. H. (Eds.) *Ethical Issues in Business: A Philosophical Approach* (8th Edition). Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 448-453.

Class 5, February 13

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND DEVELOPMENT: RESPONSIBILITIES IN FRONTIER MARKETS and BoP

Required Readings:

1. V. Rangan, M. Chu, D. Petkoski, *Segmenting the Base of the Pyramid*, Harvard Business Review, 2011. **S**

Case Study:

1. Djordjija Petkoski, Firmenich in India: Changing the Rules of Engagement with Low Income Consumers, 2014⁵

Additional Readings (optional):

1. Petkoski, D., Kasturi, R. V. & Laufer, W., Guest Editors, *Business and Poverty: Opening Markets to the Poor*, Development Outreach, World Bank, Volume 10, Issue 2, June 2008.

⁴ The mini case will be made available on Canvas

⁵ The case study will be made available on Canvas

Class 6, February 20

CORRUPTION IN GLOBALIZED WORLD

Mini Case Study⁶

1. *Padma Bridge and the World Bank*

Media Reports (do your own web-search):

- *The Panama Papers - Where the real money is, 2016 (optional)*
- *The U.S. Is Seizing \$1 Billion in Assets in Malaysia's 1MDB Corruption Case, 2016 (optional)*
- *BNP Paribas Scandal and \$8.9 Billion Penalty, 2016 (optional)*

Additional Readings (optional):

1. William S. Laufer, *Corporate Bodies and Guilty Minds: The Failure of Corporate Criminal Liability*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006.
2. Joseph L. Badaracco, Jr., *We Don't Need Another Hero*, Harvard Business Review, 2001.

Class 7, February 27

Midterm exam

March 6

Spring Break

Class 8, March 13

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) and Midterm Exam Review

Required Readings:

1. Djordjija Petkoski, *Sustainable Development Goals as a Business Case: Redefining the Post-2015 Development Agenda for the Private Sector*, GIZ, 2015⁷

Additional Readings (optional):

1. Report, *THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND ITS IMPACT ON BUSINESS*, International Labor Organization, 2016⁸

Class 9, March 20

INNOVATION LAB: CREATING SHARED VALUE AND BLENDED FINANCE

Required Reading:

1. Andrew Crane, Guido Palazzo, Laura J. Spence, and Dirk Matten, *Contesting the Value of "Creating Shared Value"*, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, VOL. 56, NO. 2 WINTER 2014
CMR.BERKELEY.EDU S

⁶ The mini case will be made available in the class

⁷ The book will be made available on Canvas

⁸ The report will be made available on Canvas

Case Study:

1. Djordjija Petkoski, *Firmenich in Uganda*, 2014⁹

Additional Readings (optional):

1. Michael E. Porter and Mark R. Cramer, "Creating Shared Value," *Harvard Business Review* (January 2011), 89: 66.

Class 10, March 27

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND SDGs: FINANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WHO NEEDS CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER?

Required Readings:

2. Djordjija Petkoski, *Sustainable Development Goals as a Business Case: Redefining the Post-2015 Development Agenda for the Private Sector*, GIZ, 2015¹⁰
3. Mohieldin, Mahmoud and Petkoski, Djordjija. 2015; 2016; and 2017. *Financing Sustainable Development: Ideas for Action*. World Bank, Washington, DC¹¹.

Class 11, April 3

INNOVATION LAB: UTILIZING COLLECTIVE ACTION AND ECOSYSTEM FOR INNOVATIONS

Required Reading:

1. Petkoski, D., Warren D. & Laufer, W. *Collective Strategies in Fighting Corruption: Some Intuitions and Counter Intuitions*. *Journal of Business Ethics*, 2010. **S**

Case Studies:

1. Ray Goldberg and Kerry Herman, "Alleviating Poverty and Malnutrition", Harvard Business School Cases Study, No. 9-907-409, 2008. **S**
2. Djordjija Petkoski, *PepsiCo and the Challenge of the Eco-Challenge: Authentically Engaging Young People*, 2016¹²

Additional Reading (optional):

1. Goldberg, R. A., Petkoski, D., Herman, K. *Fighting Malnutrition and Hunger in the Developing World*. Harvard Business School, April, 2009. (N9-909-406)

Class 12, April 10

CORPORATE CRIMINAL LAW AND CORRUPTION: CAN YOU FIGHT CORRUPTION BY FIGHTING CORRUPTION?

Case Study:

⁹ The case study will be made available on Canvas

¹⁰ The book will be made available on Canvas

¹¹ The books will be made available on Canvas

¹² The case study will be made available on Canvas

1. Hearly, P. & Petkoski, D., *Managing Anti-Corruption at Siemens*, Harvard Business School, Multimedia Case Study, March 28, 2012 **S**

Media Reports (do your own web-search):

1. The Big Surprise: Wells Fargo
2. Volkswagen's Perfect Storm: What Did Go Wrong with Volkswagen? - Less Than Two Weeks after Having Been Declared "Industry Leader" in the 2015 DJSI Annual Review

Class 13, April 17

CONSCIOUS CAPITALISM

Case Study

1. Djordjija Petkoski, Fimenich: Delivering Innovative Solutions to the Global Sanitation Crisis¹³

Required Reading:

1. James O'Toole; David Vogel, *Two and a Half Cheers for Conscious Capitalism*, California Management Review : CMR.- Berkeley, Calif.: Haas School of Business, University of California, ISSN 0008-1256, ZDB-ID 2229304. - Vol. 53.2010/11, 3, p. 60-76 **S**

Class 14, April 24

COURSE REVIEW AND TAKEAWAYS

¹³ The case study will be made available on Canvas