

Global values?

Online block seminar on the ethics of a global society



Start: Wednesday, November 5th 2025, 18.00 h
End: Sunday, November 9th 2025, 13.00 h

Place: online
Leader: Dr Michael Kalff
Participants: 15 students

Deadline: Sunday, October 26th 2025

On the subject

Complex interdependencies and mutual dependencies in energy, raw materials and products; global crises such as climate change, biodiversity loss, injustice, spiralling hatred, geostrategic rivalries; global challenges such as resource management, coping with disasters, conflicts and wars... need a common basis of shared values that are recognised across all nations, cultures and religions in order to be overcome peacefully. What approaches to global values are there? How are they derived, justified and communicated? What role do they play in global affairs and how is compliance with them ensured?

1 st Day	Wednesday
18.00 – 18.45	Info and introduction, information on the examination
19.00 – 20.30	Introduction to the topic: „Taking pulse and temperature“: ecological, social and economic state of the world 2025.
2 nd Day	Thursday
17.30 – 19.00	What is ethics? A brief history of the concepts of 'good life' around the world.
19.15 – 21.15	The contribution of religions: Risks and side effects of their attempts at civilisation - up the „declaration of the five universal values“.
3 rd Day	Friday
17.30 – 19.00	From Myth to Reason: Logic of Values. Locke, Hume, Mill, Kant, Rousseau - Europe, America and the Enlightenment
19.15 – 21.15	Carl Popper, Vittorio Hösle: Tracing the structures and limits of human thought
4 th Day	Saturday
10.00 – 11.30	Martha Nussbaum, Amartya Sen: finding out, what people really need – capability approach.
11.45 – 13.15	The UN Charta of Human Rights
15.00 – 18.30	Individually or in groups according to individual disposition: In-depth study of self-selected topics such as 'justice' (John Rawls); ecoethics; business ethics; technology ethics; scientific ethics; diversity (research, then sharing of theses and sources in ZEF21 platform).

5 th Day	Sunday
10.00 – 11.30	Plenary: Reports (not presentations) on the individual topics from Saturday
11.45 – 13.00	Conclusions. Evaluation of the seminar. Farewell.

Registration, awarding of certificates, ethic credits, ECTS

Your participation is guaranteed if

1. your written registration has been received by rtwe/ZEF21;
2. the rtwe/ZEF21 has confirmed your registration.

Achievable ethics points and ECTS points:

1 ECTS-/ 20 Ethic credits for ACTIVE SEMINAR PARTICIPATION in the online lessons AND in the ZEF21 platform with at least 10 contributions, 5 of which with scientifically citable sources by Nov, 30th 2025. The rtwe/ZEF21 will then send you your confirmation of participation and the ECTS/ethics points certificate without being asked.

2 ECTS-/ 35 Ethic credits and a grade by additionally a 15min deep talk on a self selected topic.

2 ECTS-/ 30 Ethic credits without a grade by instead additionally reading a scientific book on the seminar topics and proving this by a 15min deep talk on that book.

3 ECTS-/ 45 Ethic credits and a grade by adding two 15 min deep talks, one on a self selected topic, one on a scientific book about seminar topics.

The course can be credited towards the [Ethikum-certificate](#).

Registration

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Online Seminar in English from Wed, November 5th to November, May 9th, 2025

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Place

Date

Signature

Seminarinformationen

- We request your *binding* registration on this form by **Sunday, October 26th, 2025 at the latest**.
- The seminar is open to all students at the state universities of applied sciences in Baden-Württemberg.
- Participation is free of charge.
- You will receive a confirmation as soon as we receive your registration.
- After the registration deadline, you will receive further information about the seminar from us.
- If you are unable to attend, please inform us immediately.
- If you have any questions about the seminar, please contact rtwe: **seminare@rtwe.de**.

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