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This ethics NewScan issue contains some references to ethics articles that might interest you as members of EPAC.

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Governance

Revue governance is a new bilingual governance journal, a complement to optimumonline.

This third issue of Revue Gouvernance is a prime example of the interdisciplinary on which the magazine relies to extend the theoretical and empirical knowledge of governance, in the public sector, in private corporations, as well as within the social economy, comprising the community sector and representational associations.

It also reflects the many schools of thought that the study of governance encompasses.

Click here for the second online issue of Revue governance:

<http://www.revuegouvernance.ca/index.php>

Business Ethics

Conrad Black Indicted on Another Set of Charges- CHICAGO

Canadian media magnate Conrad Black last week pleaded not guilty to several new and potentially more serious criminal counts in a Chicago federal court. Black already was charged with a variety of crimes stemming from allegations that he looted his company, Hollinger International, and hid profits from the sale of several Canadian newspapers.

The new charges include several counts of racketeering, obstruction of justice, and money laundering, according to the Globe & Mail. The CBC reported that the new charges collectively could add 55 years to the 40-year jail sentence Black could face if convicted of fraud. According to a report from the Toronto Star, most of the new charges revolve around a surveillance videotape purported to show Black removing boxes of records from corporate offices.

The case has assumed additional ethical significance beyond the allegations themselves, with some in the Canadian press speculating that the U.S. prosecutors, flush from success in previous corporate-malfeasance cases such as Enron and WorldCom, overreached in a case that was far smaller in scope and impact.

Sources: Globe & Mail, Dec. 17 - Toronto Star, Dec. 17-- CBC, Dec. 15. For more information: Related Newline story, Dec. 5 - Related Newline story, Nov. 21 - Related Newline story, Aug. 22.

Business Ethics

Record fine imposed for price-fixing- *Cascades, Unisource, Domtar hit*- Firms must fire key employees in case- Jan. 10, 2006. 01:00 AM Toronto Star- *ALLAN SWIFT- CANADIAN PRESS*

Three major and well known companies in the paper business in Canada have been fined a total of \$37.5 million for price fixing. They will each pay the maximum fine of \$10 million for their actions in one province and an additional \$2.5 million for their actions in a second province. Education programs and firings are included in the decision against them.

Business Ethics

Code of conduct no panacea in post-Enron age- Ethics must be in a company's DNA, professor argues- Diane Francis, Financial Post- Published: Saturday, January 07, 2006

"Professor Lynn Paine holds a doctorate in moral philosophy from Oxford University and a law degree from Harvard, which makes her eminently qualified to teach ethics, leadership and corporate accountability at Harvard's Business School."

'She chairs a course launched in 2004 following the rash of corporate scandals, headed by former Harvard Business School alumnus Jeffrey Skilling, the indicted former CEO of Enron Corp.' ...

" 'A code and laws are no panacea. Ethics must be built into the culture and incentive systems. Companies must give people a common frame of reference. If internalized, it helps a company. It becomes the corporation's DNA.' "

Business Ethics

Edmonton Journal Monday, January 02, 2006 - *Erin McClam, The Associated Press*

The author recapitulates the business scandals and costs of 2005. Millions of dollars came out of the pockets of individual directors, managers and celebrities. As a result of his crimes one sixty-three year old man will, in all probability, die in jail.

Business Ethics

Reuters Business Friday, January 13, 2006

"AIG to pay over \$1bn to settle probe: report". The way Reuters phrases their copyright statement all we can do is point you to the article.

Public Sector Ethics

Montreal Gazette: Students get some unusual lecturers

PETER HADEKEL, Freelance

Published: Friday, January 13, 2006

"Students at McGill University's Dobson Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies had an unusual lecturer in class yesterday: Archbishop Bruce Stavert, head of the Anglican Church in eastern Canada" The centre's benefactor John Dobson comments about the value of bringing people with practical experience (Romeo Dallaire is another example) to speak as a contrast to the lectures from tenured professors.

Public Policy/Ethics

These stories, which originally appeared in the *Optimum online*, are available in English and in French. They can be accessed by following this link : <http://www.optimumonline.ca/frontpage.phtml>

This series of short papers developed from forums held by the Royal Society of Canada and Canadian universities with the purpose of clarifying complex issues of public concern for the benefit of citizens and policy-makers.

- o vertical fiscal federalism is bound to be at the core of federal-provincial-municipal debates over the next while; yet there is still some disagreement among experts about the existence and extent of this imbalance; we present two contrasted points of view on this question;
- o performance measurement and management poses daunting challenges in the public sector: can they be overcome?
- o global governance is something that sounds quite cloud-ninish; it may be because our own political leaders in the country are not sufficiently engaged in it; some suggestions about the ways to engage our own parliamentarians in global governance may prove useful;
- o Ottawa/Gatineau is a transborder city-region: an effective governance of such a creature may have to be baroque.

Medical Ethics

Toronto Star - Still mourning in New Orleans - ROSIE DIMANNO Friday, January 13, 2006

A number of elderly and fragile New Orleans nursing home patients — were they murdered out of kindness to spare them suffering? Investigators are wondering and subpoenas have been issued.

Non-Profit/Charity Ethics

Charitable Organization- *Charity Had High Expenses*
Saanich News Jan 13, 2006

The article describes actions by a charity organizer including admissions of admitting to \$65,000 in unauthorized expenditures, including money earmarked for sick children who did not exist." Other organizations were interviewed and discussed the relative percentages of overhead versus funds directed to the work of the charity as well as governance issues.

Sports Ethics

CYCLING: DOPING- Pound won't retract remarks about drug use
Globe and Mail Thursday, January 12, 2006 - Associated Press, with a report from James Christie
Richard Pound and the cycling world are trading accusations that Pound has accused everyone in professional racing of being involved with drugs. Pound is quoted as saying "The CPA [Cyclistes Professionnels Associés] has misunderstood, misconstrued, misinterpreted and mischaracterized the situation,"

Media Ethics

Sexually Explicit Documentary Requires Post-9:00 pm Broadcast

The article describes a program which contained sexually explicit discussions and a sexual theme including interviews with the operators of a pornographic web site plus clips from films.

The article includes reference to specific clauses of the broadcast standards, the findings and quotes comments from the board which reviewed the matter.

The Top 10 Ethics Stories of 2005

As the calendar turns, journalists are overtaken by the urge to put a "wrapper" around the events of the previous twelve months, and Ethics Newsline™ is no exception. So what follows are stories they believe had the highest ethics impact in 2005 -- and will continue to blink on the ethical radar screen throughout 2006....

Full story: <http://www.gloablethics.org/redir/nl.html?d=1/2/2006&id=01020623535424>

"We must welcome the future, remembering that soon it will be the past, and we must respect the past, knowing that once it was all that was humanly possible."

-- George Santayana (U.S. (Spanish-born) poet and philosopher, 1863-1952)

This is all for now!

If you are a "news addict" and read anything about ethics, please help by forwarding articles that you think might be of interest...

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Comme vous le constater, la version de la revue de Presse francophone n'a pas pu être réalisée par manque de collaborateur(trice) francophone et par le manque d'accès aux médias francophones électroniques.

Si vous dévorer et lisez tout ce qui a trait à l'éthique en français, peut-être vous pourriez faire partie de nos analystes médiatiques...

Revue gouvernance est une nouvelle revue bilingue traitant des problèmes de gouvernance. C'est un complément à optimumonline.

Ce deuxième numéro de Revue Gouvernance illustre bien l'interdisciplinarité sur laquelle mise la revue pour approfondir les connaissances théoriques et empiriques de la gouvernance, à la fois dans le secteur public, dans les firmes privées, ainsi qu'au sein de l'économie sociale, à savoir les secteurs communautaires et associatifs.

La multiplicité des écoles de pensée qui caractérisent l'étude de la gouvernance est également présente, non seulement dans une nouvelle section nommée " Débat et délibération ", mais d'abord et avant tout à travers les quatre premiers textes de ce numéro.

Cliquez ici pour la livraison de Revue gouvernance en ligne :

http://www.revuegouvernance.ca/index.php?lang_id=2

J'espère que vous aimerez la nouvelle livraison de Ethics NewScan et que vous nous direz ce que nous pouvons faire pour vous aider encore davantage.

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