

# 17.12.2018 A New Approach to Research Ethics

*A seminar for the research community and especially for researchers – by Henriikka Mustajoki ja Arto Mustajoki organized by the Research Ethics working group of the University*

Place: AGORA hall, University of Oulu, Linnanmaa Campus

Time: 17.12.2018 at 9 – 13 (welcome coffee at 8:30)

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Ethics is often understood as a set of rules which have to be followed. Official guidelines and rules create the foundation for research ethics but, for several reasons, they are not a sufficient tool for creating ethical awareness within a research community. Lists of types of unethical behavior can never cover all the problematic questions researchers face in their work and there is a vast grey area of everyday cases, which cannot be solving by a simple black-and-white or right-and-wrong approach. A new approach is necessary.

Ethical challenges are faced in every phase of research. What to study, how to study, how to get agreements from the persons planned to be investigated, wherefrom to get the equipment and materials or how, when and where to publish the research results – and how to open the data, or is it opened at all? Responsible conduct of research and procedures for handling allegations of misconduct in Finland. The "*Guidelines of the Finnish Advisory Board (TENK) on Research Integrity 2012*" ([pdf](#)) provide researchers with a model for the responsible conduct of research. These guidelines harmonize the common basic values for the research community.

In the framework we offer, ethical reasoning is an inherent part of the working culture of researcher communities. It travels with researchers when they navigate through their everyday life continuously facing ethically loaded choices and options. For that purpose, we provide a toolbox, which enables a transparent procedure to reach a reasonable outcome in cases, which cannot have evident solutions.



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The University of Oulu's working group of Ethics invites you to the seminar! Please register via the link [REGISTER](#)

### Program:

9.00-10.00 Principles of the new approach to research ethics (examples including authorship and the selection of research subject)

10.00-10.45 Ethical decision making in recruitment: group discussion based on example

10.45- 11.30 Lunch

11.30-12.15 Ethical decisions in researcher's media relations: group discussion based on examples

12.15.-12.45 Researcher's new ethical challenges: big data ja open data

12.45-13.00 Final discussion

The seminar is bilingual: The slides are in English, speech mainly in Finnish but also in English, discussions in Finnish and English.