

Module Description: Profilierungsbereich Bachelor, Profilierungsbereich Master

1.	Module Code	pbx047
2.	Module Title	Principles of Moral Self-Obligation
3.	Module Coordinator	Prof. Dr. Jean-Christophe Merle
4.	Teaching Staff	Prof. Dr. Jean-Christophe Merle Dr. Anna Szyrwinska-Hörig
5.	Competences “Knowledge and Understanding“ “Skills“	<p><u>After completing the module students have acquired</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broad and integrated conceptual analysis of the theses, the methods (e.g., Rawls’ reflexive equilibrium) and the arguments of the main moral theories: consequentialism, deontological ethics, and virtue ethics; • A broad and integrated understanding of the application of the moral theories to ethical problems faced by the moral agent in general, and the decision-maker in particular; • The method for comparing and assessing in concrete cases the requirements and solutions of the moral theories mentioned above, and to reach a well-founded moral judgment thereupon; • A differentiated overview of the various situations and tasks for which a decision-maker bears moral responsibility in corporate business; • A critical understanding of the current public debates about the moral responsibility of corporate business; • Express the competences mentioned above as part of the staff of an international company or an international organization in the appropriate English form. <p><u>Students are able to</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze concrete moral problems – whether in a business, a societal or a global perspective – on the basis of the moral theories mentioned above and formulate their arguments; • Assess and weigh against each other the arguments from the moral theories, in order to make one’s own judgment; • Take a well-grounded position to problems of international management on the basis of the arguments mentioned above weighed against one another, so that this position can be the basis for decisions and public action related to international management; • Elaborate on their own further advanced knowledge related to these problems; • Implement the methods for applying principles and theories in concrete cases; • Handle these problems and issues with various partners (team, clients, etc.) and express their position in a well-argued way; • Recognize the meaning of the classical moral

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		<p>philosophy for the development of the modern economical ethics (for instance Corporate Social Responsibility);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically analyze the plausibility of the modern ethical discourses in the economical ethics; • Express the competences mentioned above as part of the staff of an international company or of international organizations in the appropriate English form.
6.	Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insight into the main moral theories and their method(s); • Identification of the domain of moral responsibility of / inside corporate businesses; • Application to concrete relevant moral cases pertaining to businesses from the perspective of the decision-makers; • Formulations of the positions, requirements, solutions and arguments entailed in the main moral theories; • Method for weighing one against an other and for assessing these requirements and arguments, in order to make a judgement; • Insight in the issues related to the acquisition and care for the sense of moral responsibility (especially in corporate businesses and in relations with the domestic and international civil society).
7.	Selected Literature	<p>Crisp, Roger / Slote, Michael (Eds.) 1997: <i>Virtue Ethics</i>, Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Darwall, Stephen (Eds.) 2003: <i>Virtue Ethics</i>, Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Eggleston, Ben / Miller, Dale E. (Eds.) 2014: <i>The Cambridge Companion to Utilitarianism</i>, Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>French, Peter A. 1984, <i>Collective and Corporate Responsibility</i>, New York: Columbia University Press.</p> <p>Hoffmann, Michael W. / Frederick, Robert E. / Schwartz, Mark S. 2000: <i>Business Ethics: Readings and Cases in Corporate Morality</i>, London: Blackwell.</p> <p>Scheffler, Samuel 1988: <i>Consequentialism And Its Critics</i>, Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press.</p>
8.	Courses (hours per week)	<p>pbx047.1 Moral Theories: Consequentialism, Deontological Ethics, Virtue Ethics (Seminar) (2 SWS)</p> <p>pbx047.2 The Sense of Moral Responsibility in Business (Seminar) (2SWS)</p>
9.	Required Prerequisites <i>according to examination regulations</i>	none
10.	Recommended Prerequisites	none
11.	Rotation Schedule	annual

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12.	Offered in (Winter/Summer Semester)/ Recommended Semester of Study	Summer Term/ 1 st term (Wintersemester)
13.	Form of Assessment according to examination regulations	Presentation or term paper
14.	Workload	contact hours: 56 overall workload: 180
		self-study: 124 creditpoints: 6 CP
15.	Applicability of Module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profilierungsbereich Bachelor • Profilierungsbereich Master
16.	Further Information (e.g., registration, maximum number of participants)	<p>This module is part of the "Certificate for International Management and Practical Ethics" and will be taught exclusively in English</p> <p>A tutorial will be held to support the students of this module as well as the students of the module PB-46.</p> <p>Gemäß §3 Abs. 3 der Prüfungsordnung des Profilierungsbereichs besteht kein Anspruch der Studierenden auf das Vorhalten bestimmter Angebote oder eine regelmäßige Wiederholung von Modulen.</p>