

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>The Good Society: Communicative Ethics as the Foundation</b>
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>GEK1007</b>
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### **Synopsis**

We are living in a global context where multicultural values and different forms of ideology clash, intersect and interpolate. The advancement of technology has accelerated this process in an unanticipated speed. This would beg the questions of (1) which form of a society may hold the capacity of accommodating this challenge and (2) whether a 'good' society for all can be possible. With this regard, the concept of communication/dialogic ethics is introduced in this course, the purpose of which is to: 1) help the students become more mindful of the ethical dimension of their communication practices; and 2) develop their moral imagination with the ability to live with and learn from differences from different points of view. Basic concepts and theories of communication ethics will be introduced. Certain values and principles governing a person's ethical choice will also be discussed. Well-designed experiential learning activities including case study and debate on certain ethical issues like truthfulness, freedom and responsibility are provided to help students experience the process of ethical reasoning and how to apply these ethical values and principles. Last but not least, obstacles contributing to the failure of developing one's moral imagination are also discussed.