

PhD Scholarships in Philosophy

with the Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value

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Centre for Ethics as Study in Human Value invites graduates in philosophy and neighbouring disciplines to apply for an internationally open PhD scholarship. Alongside conducting research in ethics and political philosophy, a key part of the Centre's aim is to foster the development of the next generation of academics. To its PhD students, it offers an inspiring environment of a friendly community of researchers and doctoral students, a regular PhD seminar, and the opportunity to engage in the philosophical life of the Centre, including participation in conferences, workshops and seminars. The students can use a well-furnished PhD room and a common room, as well as the Centre's library and study. Full-time PhD students pay no tuition fee, receive a monthly stipend and have funding opportunities for travel.

The Centre for Ethics brings together a group of international researchers in ethics and political philosophy to work on issues surrounding the distinctive value of human life. Alongside the study of general ethical and political problems, the Centre favours a ground-up approach to timely topics, such as attitudes towards marginalised groups and topics including populism, nationalism, religious conflict, and climate change. The Centre has working links with partner institutions including King's College London, University of Melbourne, University of Uppsala, Åbo Akademi, University of Genoa and University of Dublin. The Centre hosts prestigious research projects, for instance the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action fellowships.

Examples of possible research projects

- The value of humanity, love and hatred, disregarded human value
- Racism, sexism, xenophobia, social exclusion, poverty, affliction
- Political emotions; postfactism, populism and demagoguery
- Climate justice; environmental and animal ethics
- Philosophy of emotions, virtue and vice epistemology, self-transformation
- Civil society, civil disobedience, theories of democracy
- Patriotism, cosmopolitanism, nationalism and liberal universalism
- Home, family, ethics of closeness and distance
- Admiration and fame, power and domination
- Ancient ethics, virtue ethics, Platonic ethics
- Ethics and technology, AI, new media, digital ethics
- Morality in philosophy and art, questions of philosophical method

Research projects of our current PhD students

- Rethinking Mortality Through Existential Concept of Natality
- Normative Particularism Applied to First-Order Theories
- Eco-Ontology: The Flesh in Merleau-Ponty and Deleuze
- Attitudes towards the Environment
- Narrative Procedure of Political Deliberation
- Iris Murdoch's Distinction between Philosophy and Literature
- The Ethics of Public Space
- Rethinking Moral Creativity: The Transformation of Moral Standards in the Everyday
- The Role of Shame and Guilt in the Moral Development of Children
- Otherwise than Anthropocentrism: Levinas Face-to-Face with the Animal
- The Moral Power of Literature

Practical information

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult their Research Proposal with their prospective supervisor in advance and to attend our Webinar to learn about how to write it. Possible supervisors and co-supervisors include: Ondřej Beran, Laura Candiotta, Christopher Cordner, Niklas Forsberg, Antony Fredriksson, Kamila Pacovská, Silvia Caprioglio Panizza.

(The research team of the Centre: <https://centreforethics.upce.cz/en/team>)

The standard length of study is 4 years in the full-time study mode. Full-time, resident students admitted to the PhD programme pay no tuition fees and receive a monthly stipend (currently 11,250 CZK) to defray living expenses.

It is possible to arrange cotutelle with another research institution, for instance with the Centre's partners.

The working language of the PhD programme and of the Centre is English and applicants should have a good grasp of academic English. No knowledge of Czech is required.

The University of Pardubice is located within walking distance from the historical centre of Pardubice, a charming city in the heart of Europe. Pardubice is well connected by train to several major European cities, including Prague (1 hour) and Vienna (3 hours).

Application deadline: 30 April, 2022

Interviews: mid May 2022

Decision: by the end of May 2022

Starting date: 19 September, 2022

Information about admissions

<https://centreforethics.upce.cz/en/study-phd-us>

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Webinar: 3 March, 2022, 2 pm CET

Get information about the Centre and its PhD community, available supervisors, admission requirements and other practicalities followed by a short seminar about how to write your Research Proposal. No registration.

Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/3gnHaAk>