

Title of partnership:**MAE-SP MAE Consortium Stellenbosch University Partnership****Masters Course running the Partnership:**

MAE - Master of Applied Ethics

Duration: 3 years

Summary description:

This is a partnership between The MAE consortium formed by the three Erasmus Mundus Master Course Applied Ethics universities (Linköping University, Sweden, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, and NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway) and the University of Stellenbosch, South-Africa. It involves a three-year-long project for exchange and mobility (2007-2010), where European Erasmus Mundus Applied Ethics students and scholars will go to Stellenbosch for intensive courses in ethics. Stellenbosch has an MPhil program with specializations in various fields of applied ethics. The goal of the exchange program is to make European students and teachers acquainted with the way in which Western and African values confront each other in various fields of applied ethics, notably environmental ethics, bioethics, and social and political ethics; and to enrich the Stellenbosch programme with teaching staff and students from the Erasmus Mundus Applied Ethics course. The focus will be on the African cultural and socio-economic contexts of ethical problems and decision-making.

Each year in January/February (2008-2010) 10 European students will follow an intensive course in environmental ethics & bioethics (4 ECTS) in Stellenbosch. Interested European Master Applied Ethics students can submit a written application for this exchange program at the beginning of their studies. The MAE Selection Committee will select 10 students on the basis of the quality of the proposal and coherence with the applicant's study profile, and quality of the student's work so far. Stellenbosch University will offer these students a course "Environmental ethics and bioethics in a South-African context" in which European students and African students will jointly analyse practical moral problems on preservation of nature; pollution; sustainable development; but also HIV/aids, public health, new genetic technologies and justice in an African context. The course will be recognized by the three Erasmus Mundus institutions and be part of the Erasmus Mundus syllabus. Examination will be done in the form of written assignments, as is normal practice in both the European and the Stellenbosch program.

Each year up to three teachers from the Erasmus Mundus program Applied Ethics will visit Stellenbosch and teach in at least one intensive course in the Stellenbosch MPhil program, together with local staff. Our experiences with joint teaching sessions are excellent and we expect that this will further develop teaching skills as well as the affinity of all teachers for cross-cultural ethics, and enhance the quality of courses of the Stellenbosch MPhil. We will exchange teaching materials (case analyses, working methods, etc.) and aim to develop joint digital learning modules that can be used in all courses at all universities. One of the central ideas of both our programs is that education and research should be strongly linked. Therefore outgoing scholars will also use part of their time for research and discuss work in progress with colleagues from Stellenbosch.

European Partners:

- 1) SE - Linköping University

- 2) NL - Utrecht University
- 3) NO - NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Third-Countries Partner Institutions:

- 1) The Stellenbosch University (South-Africa)

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