2019 PROGRAM in PHILOSOPHY OF CHARACTER

What is virtue and how do we get it?

The One Year Program in the Philosophy of Character provides a small group of participants with the opportunity to deeply engage with this central ethical question. Participants will read, discuss, and reflect upon philosophical and psychological research addressing fundamental questions about moral formation.

The program provides participants with a relaxed academic atmosphere in which to pursue their studies. Participants will engage with junior and senior academic researchers, attend masterclasses, and present their own work-in-progress to their peers. The program does not include any graded assessments. By the conclusion of the program, participants will have a thorough understanding of recent philosophical and psychological research on character, as well as different approaches to cultivating virtue throughout the history of moral philosophy. Throughout the program, participants will be encouraged to find ways of connecting this literature with their own research projects.

The program is an initiative of the Moral Philosophy and Ethics Education (MPEE) research focus area of the Institute for Ethics & Society at The University of Notre Dame Australia. The program is open to all but will be capped in size to 30. For enrollment details, please contact MPEE co-conveners: Annette Pierdziwol & Tim Smartt at ies@nd.edu.au.

Semester One

- Directed reading group, meeting fortnightly, on The Character Gap: How Good Are We? (Oxford, 2018) by Professor Christian Miller (Wake Forest University).
- A five-day masterclass instructed by Professor Christian Miller from 3-7 June.

Semester Two

- Workshop on Rousseau, Ben Myers.
- Workshop on Hume, Annette Pierdziwol.
- Workshop on Mill, Tim Smartt.
- Workshop on Character & Communication, Scott Stephens.