

FOREWORD

This publication is the result of the work of many authors from universities in Poland, Slovakia and the United States under the First International Conference “Social Development Towards Values. Ethics – Technology – Society”.

The subject matter of this conference oscillates around the following areas:

1. Sustainable development, globalization, glocalization – theoretical and practical implications.
2. The role of innovation in socio-economic development.
3. Technology Assessment.
4. Intelligent development in the axiological perspective.
5. CSR in theory and practice.
6. The role of humanities in the development of modern societies.
7. Law and ethics – mutual correlations, the role and importance in the development of modern societies.

This volume of Scientific Papers of Silesian University of Technology contains 21 articles relating to such issues as: mediation between American and Polish culture or sustainability and growth being a study in environmental epistemology. There have been presented also some theoretical solutions of CSR and theoretical considerations on socially responsible innovation. There have also been included considerations whether CSR is a modern challenge or an inevitability.

A few articles relate to ethics – the authors show the place of globalization ethics in solving current problems of mankind or discuss professional counselling in ethics and social development or notice the relations between ethics, business and social strategies. There is also an opinion on how to understand globalization and glocalization in the context of sustainable development. The publication contains also a point relating to the main ethical issues with nanotechnology in the future context. There have been also shown some philosophical remarks on the notion of social development and presented moral principles of providing social services and issues related to ethics of healthcare workers, as well as ethics in legal profession.

There have been also presented value challenges towards current military conflicts and discussed the legacy of Jean Paul Sartre. There have been shown also biotechnological interventions into human nature.

The publication contains also issues relating to the sustainable development in Polish cities. There has been also shown the triangulation procedure in reference to civil activity research and action research.

The publication contains also articles on organizations during transformation and the principle of social governance.

We hope that these articles will broaden the knowledge and interests of the Readers on ethics, technology and society and initiate a permanent exchange of experiences on social development.

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