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NEW OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL

ATTRACTS EDITORIAL 'DREAM TEAM'

Overwhelming Support: Leading Experts Back the Launch of an OA Journal in the Field of Ethics and Global Politics

1 October 2007, Stockholm: A new Open Access journal, *Ethics & Global Politics*, has attracted the foremost researchers from the field to provide peer review and other editorial support. Launched this month by Co-Action Publishing, *Ethics & Global Politics* is led by Editor-in-Chief Eva Erman and Associate Editor Sofia Näsström, both of Stockholm University. The list of supporting editors includes: Jens Bartelson, Seyla Benhabib, Jean Cohen, Simon Critchley, John Dryzek, Erik O Eriksen, Nancy Fraser, Andreas Follesdal, Carol Gould, Richard Higgott, Bonnie Honig, Hans Joas, Anne Phillips, Thomas Pogge, Jan Aart Scholte, Nadia Urbinati, Stephen K. White, and Björn Wittrock.

Commenting on the new journal, Senior Publisher Anne Bindslev stated: "I have been involved in the launch of a great number of journals over my career. Rarely have I seen two editors manage to recruit members to an editorial board of such esteem, so quickly and with such enthusiasm. This promises well for the new journal. It not only sets the high standards we are striving for but also shows that a new generation of researchers, and in this case women researchers, are prepared to assume responsibility for a truly international Open Access journal with backing from their most distinguished peers".

The composition of the editorial board reflects the innovative aims of the new journal. *Ethics & Global Politics* looks to foster theoretical contributions to the study of global

politics by providing a forum for presenting novel ways of understanding and conceptualizing the global political challenges the world faces today. In contrast to other related journals, *Ethics & Global Politics* does not favour any theoretical perspective or political problem. Instead, it emphasizes the importance of closing the gap between moral and democratic theory, on the one hand, and contemporary empirical problems on the global arena, on the other. Consequently researchers from across fields such as political science, philosophy, sociology, pedagogics, history and cultural and legal studies are invited to contribute to the journal.

Not only does the content of the journal offer a fresh approach to the subjects it addresses, but the Open Access publishing model also offers an important contribution to this field. The first articles are due online in Q1 2008, and access to them will be free of charge for all users. Under a Creative Commons license, authors will retain the non-commercial copyright to their work, and other users will be free to download, copy, distribute and re-use materials for any educational purpose as long as the original source is duly attributed.

Commenting on the choice to publish the journal Open Access, Editor-in-Chief Eva Erman stated, “It is important that a journal dedicated to global ethical issues should be accessible to a global audience and not just to those who can afford a subscription. Being Open Access, the journal will reach the widest possible audience of researchers, professionals, graduate students, policy-makers and activists. Co-Action Publishing is the only Open Access publisher in Scandinavia so it was only natural for us to cooperate with them.”

It is perhaps not surprising that an innovative approach to the study of global issues should emerge from Sweden, homeland of such committed people as the late UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, and Jan Eliasson, the UN Secretary General Special Envoy to Darfur, Sudan. With the launch of *Ethics & Global Politics*, Sweden continues to demonstrate a strong dedication to global political challenges.

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More information on the journal’s aims and scope, and submission information, can be found at: www.co-action.net/journals/egp

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