



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## Special Issue on Ethics and Operational Research

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Consideration of ethical values puts Operational Research/Management Science (OR/MS) in the broader context of sustainable development, including concern for the natural environment, societal and human evolution, business ethics and corporate responsibility.

Although ethics can hardly be dissociated from the theoretical, practical and institutional dimensions of the management sciences, there remains ambiguity and skepticism as to the form this relation might and should take. This results in a lack of representation of ethics within mainstream management sciences. A critical assessment of OR/MS, with clearly articulated ethical values, as well as constructive proposals for improvement, should contribute to the promotion of ethics within mainstream management sciences.

State-of-the-art papers are requested, covering the relation between ethical values and OR/MS at the theoretical, practical and institutional levels. Submitted papers should favor the integration of ethical values within OR/MS where OR/MS is broadly defined as an analytical approach to help solve managerial decision problems.

Among the topics that would be welcomed are:

- ✓ Ethical values and analytical models
- ✓ Ethical values and methodological issues in OR/MS
- ✓ Ethical values in the practice of decision-making and OR analysis
- ✓ Ethics in the OR/MS institutions.

Authors should submit their paper via EES <http://www.ees.elsevier.com/omega/> and indicate in the title ***"Special Issue: Ethics and Operational Research"***

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Refereeing and the selection of papers will be carried out according to the standards of **OMEGA**.

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### Deadlines

**The submission deadline is September 30, 2007.**

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