

TAKE AWAY QUESTIONS: METT CONFERENCE

1. What one thing did you hope to communicate this week at the Conference?

The importance of the anthropological vision that lies beneath the concepts used in the codes of ethics. If we do not agree on what man is, we may be using the same words, but understanding very different things.

I think that the ethical principles, to be universal, must be based on human nature, rather than remaining on a positivist and utilitarian objectivity.

2. What was the most impactful take away for you?

I learned a lot these days, especially thanks to the pleasant atmosphere that was created among us. This Conference has confirmed my conviction that we need to be in touch and reflect together on the values that are at stake today.

3. What topics would you like METT Qatar to explore in next year's conference?

The role of code of ethics in counteracting internal and political pressures; Online journalism and Social media; A journalism less concentrated on breaking news than on exploring the underlying causes of conflicts; Truth always linked to goodness and beauty; One day must be devoted to case studies

4. What is the best philosophical solution to the ethical challenges facing the media today?

A personalist philosophical approach can help in dealing with global ethical challenges: the person as the subject and the goal of all social institutions.

5. Is a global Code of Ethics possible?

It is not only possible, but also necessary

6. Based on the ethical discussions this week, what practical advice would you give to governments regarding the enforcement of media ethics?

Self-regulation is the most effective method to face ethical challenges, because it is not limited to legal minimums. Rather than enforce media ethics, governments should guarantee a good formation of those who will become journalists and sustain the good functioning of journalistic associations

7. Based on the ethical discussions this week, what practical advice would you give to media corporations?

They should encourage journalist, grouped in associations or unions, to elaborate a code of ethics and to use it as a daily reference. Corporations should respect pluralism and cultural diversity, avoiding that kind of internal censorship that threatens democratic pluralism.

8. Based on the ethical discussions this week, what practical advice would you give to journalists?

Not to consider the code of ethics as something static, but to use it continually.

9. Based on the ethical discussions this week, what practical advice would you give to consumers of media?

They should know the codes of ethics assumed by journalists. Having in mind those ethical principles, the audience can be active in supporting critically the work of journalists.

10. What would you change about the METT Qatar draft Code of Ethics?

I agree with the suggestions already made during our discussions. I particularly support the idea of a preamble clarifying some of the main concepts used in the Code.

11. How can METT Qatar improve?

Giving more time to the presentations. Five minutes is too short a time.

12. Please share your general comments about the 2019 Conference.

It is been well organized and a wonderful experience

13. Do you want to be highlighted on our twitter feed?

It is OK.

14. Are you comfortable with your email being shared amongst the METT conference attendees?

Yes, I am

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