

## **Ethics Committee**

The PSE community ethics committee<sup>1</sup> was created, on the proposal of the Executive management, by deliberation of the CLEOR on September 26, 2019.

The Ethics Committee is chaired by a member of the PSE community, independent of management, and comprises 8 other permanent members, including doctoral students, researchers, and administrative and technical staff:

- 4 PSE researchers or teacher-researchers
- 1 researcher or teacher-researcher from outside PSE
- 1 community administrator PSE
- 2 PhD students

These members and the committee chairman are proposed to the CLEOR for approval by Management after a public call for candidates.

The term of office is 2 years for doctoral students and 4 years for other members.

Management and CSE harassment representatives are invited to take part in work on the fight against sexist and sexual violence and moral harassment.

A Master's student representative is invited to take part in student-related work, in an advisory capacity.

The ethics committee must be balanced in terms of gender and seniority.

The main mission of the Ethics Committee is to ensure that the Ethics Charter is applied. It proposes to CLEOR application texts detailing the various points mentioned in the ethics charter, as well as amendments to the charter.

It can carry out work and issue opinions on a wide range of ethical issues that arise within PSE. These relate to training, research, expertise, internal operations and external communication. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) deals with specific ethical issues relating to research involving human subjects.

The committee's opinions are taken independently and transparently, to avoid any conflict of interest and guarantee the integrity of the research.

The Committee's opinions are advisory. They are intended to be generic and do not deal with specific cases.

The ethics committee can be contacted in a number of ways:

- self-investigation
- referred by CLEOR, PSE management or the Board of Directors
- referral by any member of the PSE community who has an ethics-related question. Referrals can be made confidentially.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PSE community is made up of students in PSE accredited courses, PSE doctoral students, PSE foundation employees, PJSE members and all researchers or teacher-researchers affiliated or associated with PSE, whatever their academic institution.