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Profil du mois

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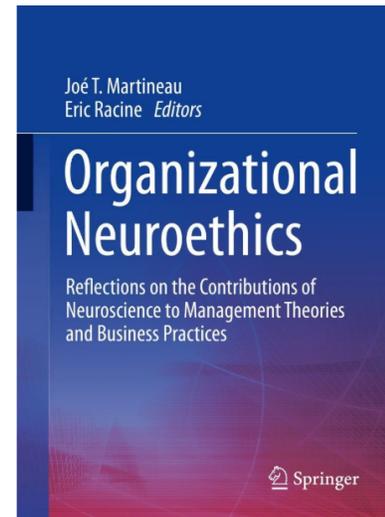
I am Assistant Professor of business ethics and management at [HEC Montréal](#), the business school affiliated with the [University of Montreal](#). I teach courses in business ethics, management, corporate governance and research ethics, and I conduct research in these areas. Prior to being at HEC, I was a postdoctoral fellow at the [Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit](#) (previously called the Neuroethics Research Unit) at the IRCM. My postdoctoral research focused on organizational neuroethics, in which I tried to bridge neuroscience research, organizational science, and ethics, especially on the topic of empathy in management. I also completed another postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Montreal, in Health Administration, focusing specifically on the new practice of patient-partnership in health. These two streams of research complemented my doctoral training in business ethics and corporate strategy, in which I studied the composition and effectiveness of corporate ethics programs and practices in organization. I am now currently an associate member of the Pragmatic Health Ethics Research Unit at the IRCM in addition to being a member of the [Institut d'éthique appliquée de l'Université Laval \(IDÉA\)](#) and of the [Observatoire international sur les impacts sociétaux de l'intelligence artificielle et du numérique \(OBVIA\)](#).



Q&A: *Organizational Neuroethics: Reflections on the contributions of neuroscience to management theories and business practices*

1. What is your new book about?

Organizational neuroscience is a new area of research that seeks to bridge neuroscience research, theories, and methods with management and organizational science. The goal of organizational neuroscience is to incorporate knowledge about the brain processes underlying thoughts, behaviors and attitudes of organizational actors in order to better inform management theories, and to assist management practice in understanding, predicting and improving these behaviors in the workplace. Various examples of practical applications from organizational neuroscience research have emerged, based on research in neuroleadership, or in neuromarketing, for example. Differently, another recent area of research focuses on neuroscientific explanations of ethical decision-making and behavior of employees and managers. In this edited volume, we wish to introduce, define and map a new “organizational neuroethics” as an emerging interdisciplinary field of research that reflects on the ethics of organizational neuroscience research and applications, as well as on the neuroscience of organizational ethics, drawing on the debates and reflections that have been taking place in the field of neuroethics in the past two decades.



2. What are the ethical issues raised by the application of organizational neuroscience to the field of management?

Organizational neuroscience research and applications face diverse methodological and technological limitations and have raised important ethical challenges regarding, amongst others, the understanding and interpretation of neuroscience research and innovations, organizational responsibility, potential discrimination, manipulation of consumers, partial informed consent, and thus possible coercion and abuse on the part of organizations.

3. What impact would you like your book to have on the field of management?

We hope that this first book on the topic of organizational neuroethics will provide a nuanced overview and ethical reflection on the challenges of organizational neuroscience and its applications, appealing to a broad audience in management, neuroscience, neuroethics and the social sciences.

Selected publications

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For more information

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Events and Announcements

[Call for Applications: Assistant or Associate Professor in Bioethics and Humanities](#) Department of Bioethics & Humanities, School of Medicine, University of Washington

Eligible candidates must have completed a doctoral or terminal degree in a bioethics-related discipline (e.g., PhD, MD, JD, or foreign equivalent) and have demonstrated expertise in bioethics through education, teaching and/or publishing. The successful candidate will be a skilled communicator motivated to share ideas with others by means of peer-reviewed publishing, interdisciplinary collaboration, and establishing robust extramural funding. Responsibilities of this position include: research in bioethics supported by independent, extramural funding, plus health-related research in other areas related to a candidate's expertise; teaching in undergraduate, graduate, and other departmental educational programs; service to the university, school and department. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

Deadline: April 15, 2020

Start date: Early Fall 2020

[Call for Applications: Clinical Ethicist](#)

Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, United States

The Clinical Ethicist will be responsible for providing formal and informal ethics consultations, organizing and participating in clinical ethics rounds, and collaborating with clinical teams, patients and families, managers, and consultants to address ethical issues in pediatric health care and research. He or she will develop ethics resources and education for the Ethics Advisory Committee, organizational ethics initiatives, ethics scholars/fellows, residents and other students, staff, and patients and families at the Hospital, and serving as a facilitator for change directed toward strengthening the hospital's moral community. Moreover, the Clinical Ethicist will participate in development and review of hospital policies involving ethical considerations. To qualify, the candidate must have a graduate degree in ethics, bioethics, or moral philosophy, working knowledge of health care and hospitals or clinical degree in a health professional field, and relevant

experience (> 5 years) in clinical care and/or bioethics. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

[Call for Applications: PhD Researcher - Ethics of Reproductive Genetic Technologies](#)

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium) and the University of Helsinki (Finland)

The goal of the project is: (1) To identify, discuss and analyze ethical and policy issues on the use of embryos and gametes for research; (2) To identify, discuss and analyze ethical and policy issues in the application of reproductive genetic technologies such as embryo genetic screening (PGS), embryo genetic diagnostics (PGD) and non-invasive genetic testing (NIPT) in MATER partner countries, in EU and globally. This will be done through a multi-disciplinary lens and by studying the ethical and policy concerns both from a theoretical and from an empirical perspective through interviews with experts and stakeholders (within and outside this project). Special focus will be on societal challenges related to the technological innovations developed through this project. ESR14 will mostly be hosted by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), and will be seconded for a shorter period to the University of Helsinki. Applications can be submitted [here](#).

[Call for Abstracts: The 2020 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting](#)

October 22 and 23 2020, Washington DC, United States

The International Neuroethics Society (INS) invites researchers from around the world to submit abstracts for presentation at the 2020 INS Annual Meeting, scheduled for October 22-23 in Washington, DC. This is an opportunity to share your neuroethics research with international colleagues who are actively aligning ethics, law, and policy with advances in neuroscience. All submissions must include a concise abstract of 250-400 words in English that satisfies all requirements and composition expectations listed [here](#). Abstracts may be considered for poster presentations, oral presentations, travel stipends, and publishing in AJOB Neuroscience.

Deadline: June 26, 2020, at 11:30pm EDT

[Appel de propositions de textes: ETHICA - Revue interdisciplinaire de recherche en éthique](#)

La revue Ethica lance un appel à contribution pour son numéro de l'hiver 2021 dont le dossier porte sur le thème ***Enjeux éthiques relatifs à la production et à l'application des connaissances en santé et en services sociaux***. Les chercheurs intéressés à contribuer à ce numéro thématique sont invités à soumettre des propositions d'articles, notamment, mais non exclusivement, à l'intérieur des axes de recherche suivants : a) Enjeux éthiques vécus dans le cadre d'un projet de recherche sur la production et l'application des connaissances ainsi que des thèmes connexes à celui-ci ; b) Enjeux éthiques vécus dans le cadre d'une démarche d'application des connaissances dans une organisation du réseau de la santé et des services sociaux; et c) Réflexions éthiques et philosophiques sur les paradigmes de la production et de l'application des connaissances ainsi que leur conceptualisation en contexte de santé et de services sociaux. Les propositions d'articles (300 mots) doivent être acheminées avant le **1er mai 2020** au deux

responsables du numéro (Marie-Josée.Drolet@uqtr.ca et Melanie.Ruest@USherbrooke.ca) ainsi qu'au secrétariat de la revue (ethica@uqar.ca). Suite à l'acceptation de la proposition, les articles complets (± 7000 mots) devront être soumis à la revue au plus tard le **30 septembre 2020**.

Conference updates related to COVID-19

The Montreal Health Ethics Conference Series

Following the directives announced by both the head office of the IRCM and the Government of Quebec concerning the current proliferation of the Coronavirus, we are unfortunately unable to continue the Montreal Health Ethics Seminar Speaker Series as planned for this spring. We hope to reschedule these activities for this upcoming fall; please stay tuned as there is more to come on this matter.

The 15th World Congress of Bioethics Conference

With much regret, we are announcing that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the in-person meeting of the World Congress of Bioethics on the University of Pennsylvania campus has been canceled and will be moving to a virtual platform. Of course, it is clear that many of the unique benefits that come with attending a conference in person will be hard to replicate. But we also see the challenge we are facing as a unique opportunity and believe that many core benefits of participating in the WCB can still be realized, by including a wider group of colleagues from around the globe than before. For more information, [click here](#).

The 31st Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference

The CBS conference that would have taken place from June 3 to 5, 2020 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. All registrants will receive a refund of their conference registration fees.

Congress 2020 of the Humanities and Social Sciences

After extensive consultations with members and key partners and a thorough evaluation of all possible scenarios, the Federation – in close collaboration with Western University – has decided there will not be an in-person Congress in 2020. However, there is a proposal to move Congress online, providing associations with alternate options for disseminating their members' research.

The Società Italiana di Neuroetica's Annual Conference

The spreading of the coronavirus and the traveling restrictions has led to the decision to postpone the Società Italiana di Neuroetica's annual international conference for one year. *Neuroethics: New ways of investigating the brain* will thus be held in May 2021 at Vita-Salute San Raffaele University in Milan and not in May 13th-15th, 2020, as previously announced. All papers already accepted will be presented next year, but an additional call for papers will be made in October.

Literature

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Other resources

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