

Preface to the Issue *Moral Competence & Subjectivity: Topical Issues*

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We present an issue of *Ethics in Progress* entitled ***Moral Competence And Subjectivity: Topical Issues***. Several papers in this volume were authored by the participants of the conference *Moral Competence: A Brand New Research Topic in Cognitive Psychology, Ethics and Law*, which took place on September 2017 at A. Mickiewicz University in Poznań, and was devoted to the Konstanz Method of Dilemma Discussion (KMDD®) developed by Prof. Georg Lind. **Martina Reinicke** presents research findings regarding the relation between teaching morality and developing the atmosphere of inclusion in school. **Małgorzata Steć** argues that the KMDD® method and the Dual Aspect Theory of moral behavior correspond with the latest findings in neuropsychology. **Shaogang Yang** stresses the importance of embodied moral cognition and moral judgment in the light of recent developments in the neurocognitive sciences. **Qian Zhang** and **Stephen J. Thoma** present their research on the influence of gender, education, academic performance and the one-child policy on the moral judgment competence.

The inquiries into subjectivity cover a very wide spectrum of topics, starting from one of the latest and boldest questions in modern scholarship, and examined in this volume by **André Schmiljun**, namely: How to consider robots as moral patients (passive holders of moral rights) and moral agents? **Yuan Guo** presents studies that empirically confirm the relationship between social support, resilience and life satisfaction – support from family and friends helps an individual retain physical and mental health, contributing positively to the ability of individuals to fulfil responsibilities. **Paweł Mazur** considers subjectivity in the context of the disciplinary responsibility of judges in Polish legal system. **Przemysław Górecki** discusses how in the dichotomous gender system “masculinity” is a socially privileged category, assigned with ethical value, in contrast to “femininity” which is only associated with aesthetic values. This collection rounds off with a review of the book *Spór o podmiotowość – Perspektywa Interdyscyplinarna (The Dispute About Subjectivity: An Interdisciplinary Perspective)* by Adriana Warmbier, in which **Karolina Napiwodzka** provides an overview of modern research on the problem of subjectivity.