Globethics Repository



Rationale of ethics for global citizens

This page was generated automatically upon download from the Globethics Repository. More information on Globethics see https://www.globethics.net. Data and content policy of Globethics Repository see https://repository.globethics.net/pages/policy.

Item Type	Conference paper/presentation
Authors	Raj, Josfin
Publisher	Globethics.net
Rights	All rights reserved
Download date	2026-11-03 20:49:59
Link to Item	http://hdl.handle.net/20.500.12424/3956221

Rationale of Ethics for Global Citizens

Josfin Raj
New Life Biblical Seminary
India

Introductory Remarks

- One of the main purposes of promoting ethics in higher education is the development of responsible citizens across all sectors of society.

- However, my presentation entitled "Rationale of Ethics for Global Citizens" would bring forth dilemmas involved in the categorization of global citizenship and tries to push our whole discussion with importance of ethics in these dilemmas.



Global Citizen

- Global citizen is a person beyond national boundaries, considering the world as a nation.
- Global Citizenship is a (virtual) reality.
- Higher education played important role in creating the consciousness of Global Citizenship.
- Further, the pandemic has sharpened awareness of the need for an ethos of global citizenship.
- Global citizen will have huge responsibility to work with others to make world more equal, fair and sustainable.

Global Citizen: Dilemmas

- ***Categorization***:-
  - Global Citizen presupposes that all human beings are part of it.
  - It also presupposes an undercurrent dichotomy between privileged citizens and unprivileged citizen.



Global Citizen: Dilemmas

- ***Regulation*:-**

  - Who regulate whom?
  - Who define/create, implement rights for global citizen?

Pooling representatives from around the globe is a suitable solution. But ***as of now***, the regulation is happening by 'ourself'.



Global Citizen: Dilemmas

- ***Self-regulated global citizens:-***

  - When the global citizens act and work self-regulated, there emerges various issues such as cultural, linguistic, etc.

  - It would further leads to other issues such as jingoism, xenophobia and so on.

Global Citizen: Dilemmas

Further,

- When being globalised citizen, there is chance to respond global issues in the virtual arena and forgets the local issues nearby.

Global Citizen: Dilemmas

In short, these pertinent issues leads us to think an 'ethics' which would contribute to the consciousness of responsible global citizens and will reflect upon the action in both local and global context. Otherwise, a *total chaos* will be the result.



Global Citizens: Ethics

- Ethics is a guiding principle for Global citizens, which guides life, career, action, thinking and so on.
- Regulations to serve the common good
- Satisfying basic global human needs
- For shared responsibility
- Shared competence and skills
- For formation of responsible global citizens
- **Sensitive to 'others' (FOCUS)**

Global Citizenship: Hope for the Unprivileged

- **Smart forms of glocalization -** Characteristics of ethics for the global citizens should be global in outlook, at the same time, it should be local in approach/doing (glocal). “Think globally, act locally.”
- **Vision for Subaltern People** - Global Citizenship is a Hope for the Powerless and re-orientation for the Powerful to consider the unprivileged citizen in the globalised society.



Concluding Remarks

- This vision brings forth expected transformation in the individual which eventually leads to societal transformation and global transformation.
- Individual ⟶ Society ⟶ Global
- Ethics as a guiding principle helps us to cope up with dilemmas emerge from the understanding of Global Citizen/ship. We may be sensitive to others and may give preferential option for poor and under privileged.

THANKS….

- **Rev. Josfin Raj S. B**, M.Th. (Christian Theology) M.A. (English Litt.& Christian Studies) currently serves as the Academic Dean at New Life Biblical Seminary, Kerala, India. He authored *Inclusive Christ and Broken People: Towards a Dalit Christology in the Light of the Early Church Faith Confession* (CWI, 2018) and *Pauline Corpus: A Paradigm for the Effective Christian Journalism in Contemporary India* (ISPCK, 2013), and co-edited *Pentecostalism: Polyphonic Discourses*. (ISPCK/NLBS, 2019). He has contributed several articles for various theological journals and magazines, and presented papers in international forums like ATA Theological Consultation Manila, Philippians. He is married with Ross and has three-year-old son Jeevan.
- Reach him at josfinraj@gmail.com.