



Ethical Leadership Today

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Agenda

5:00 – 5:10 **Welcome** from GvW Graf von Westphalen

5:10 – 5:25 **Introduction**

The FASPE approach—ethical leadership, professionalism and the use of history. This is an overview of the role of professionals in a modern society and the responsibility of professionals to exercise ethical leadership—with those whom they directly serve, within their professions and for the larger community. We look generally at the role that the professionals and professional organizations played in the design and execution of what ultimately became the genocidal policies of Nazi Germany. We translate that background into an approach to think about professional responsibility in the 21st Century.

A. The profession in the Third Reich—a brief presentation that discusses how profession in Germany (and beyond) behaved before and during the Third Reich.

5:25 – 5:45 **Case 1: A lawyer’s duty: What do you think is the responsibility of the lawyer as a professional—from the perspective of both the lawyer and client?**
We look at an interesting likely scenario in an M&A setting and ask how lawyers and clients may think about the role, duty and expectation of the lawyer

5:45 – 6:15 **Case 2: Topf & Sons:** A Germany company that voluntarily sought the project to design and construct the system of crematoria at Auschwitz. By asking why Topf sought the project, we discuss the nature of the legal profession and the responsibility of individual lawyers—how do we think about “moral neutrality?”

6:15 – 6:45 **Case 3: IBM:** The German subsidiary of the American parent (under the control of, and with the direction and knowledge of the parent) provided its early stage “computing” technology to the German government beginning in 1933 (and extending throughout the war) for purposes that range from the benign to the complicit. We examine both the motivations for the engagement, but also questions about doing business in jurisdictions with differing laws and ethical mores.

6:45 **Wrap-up Discussion.**

Please confirm your participation by September 12, 2022, by sending an e-mail to veranstaltungen@gvw.com.



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