

Preface

This volume introduces the dimension of spirituality into business ethics and sustainability management. It presents selected papers from the international “*Spirituality and Sustainability: A New Path for Entrepreneurship*” conference held in September 21–23, 2012 in Visegrad, Hungary. The conference was organized by the Business Ethics Center of Corvinus University of Budapest in cooperation with the European SPES Forum and ERENET—the Entrepreneurship Research and Education Network of Central European Universities.

The volume presents and summarizes new perspectives and findings about sustainability-related spirituality from a social and economic perspective. It reports on innovative practices and policy reform and discusses spiritual-based leadership for sustainability management. The main function of the volume is to present ideas and initiatives that can lead toward responsible business practices and promote policies for ecological sustainability. It seeks a value community of readers: scholars, practitioners and policymakers who are engaged with genuine ethics in business, environmental management and public policy.

The volume is a product of 19 scholars and practitioners from Europe, North America and Asia. The contributors represent a diversity of fields, including business ethics, management, finance, leadership, religious studies, literature, and sociology.

It is the hope of the editor that the papers presented in this volume will be good food for thought and inspiration to action for those who are engaged in the never-ending “business” of preserving and restoring nature.

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