

# Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership | Aritahi

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## Seminar: Ethics, Leadership and AI: From Dazzle to Downside

The Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership | Aritahi warmly invites you to attend a lunchtime MNZM, and Professor Karin Lasthuizen, the Chair. seminar with Jane Arnott

At electrifying speed AI is now rooted in all facets of society and business. It has been compared to always having a rocket when a bicycle would do. It has also been stated that AI is like having Einstein in your pocket – and by the end of 2025 you will have 10.

Applying an ethical lens is to confront a new frontier where discussions for and against are more complex than anything that has come before.

AI is an amazing tool, increasing efficiency and providing insights and answers within minutes - from fawning empathetic companion to specialist clinician with diagnostics at the ready.

Some of the costs of AI however remain largely hidden. We just don't know. But as the governance and business landscape is irrevocably transformed and every aspect of our life is targeted what should we be weighing up?

Is it too late to safeguard ethical values such as trust, fairness, respect and empathy and what of digital equity and vulnerability?

Join Jane in this fast-paced journey into the dazzle and downside of AI. Find out what New Zealand is doing relative to the rest of the world, learn from the ethical guidelines and considerations and equip yourself with new AI frameworks and knowledge.

You will need it.

**Date: Thursday 24 July 2025**

**Time: 12:00 - 13:00**

**Location: Room 105, Level 1, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington**

**Format: In person** (Light refreshments will be served)

**Please RSVP for catering purposes by emailing [ethical-leadership@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:ethical-leadership@vuw.ac.nz)**

## Jane Arnott MNZM



Jane's focus on professional and business ethics tracks back to 2007 when she completed her post grad in professional ethics at the University of Auckland. She undertook further study at the UK-based Institute of Business Ethics and became their first offshore Country Manager and Associate in 2009. Most recently Jane completed an intensive Ethics of AI masterclass course delivered through the London School of Economics.

For over 11 years Jane was instrumental in establishing IBE in New Zealand by building business support, public speaking and running business ethics workshops. She co-authored the IBE publication 'Setting the Tone: A New Zealand Perspective of Ethical Business leadership' and went on to found The Ethics Conversation in 2021.

She provides ethics workshops across a range of professional membership bodies, private companies, Trusts and listed companies, researching and providing commentary on ethical challenges such as speaking up, leadership, decision-making and culture.

She became a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2021 and was made an adjunct research fellow to the Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership, Wellington School of Business and Government, Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University of Wellington in the same year.

## Ethical Leadership Challenges of AI in the Workplace

**Article by Karin Lasthuizen**

A recent report by the Institute of Business Ethics\* reveals that employees around the world are highly concerned about the misuse of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for unethical behaviour, and highly concerned about automated machines or AI replacing humans in the workplace.

The trend shows that the level of concerns has been rising in recent years, with a quarter of respondents globally in the 2024 survey declaring that they are “extremely concerned” about AI-related workplace practices. Overall, misuse of AI technologies and the impact of automated machines and other technologies on interpersonal connections are top concerns for the future of the workplace.

Findings from New Zealand respondents are on par with the global averages.

**[Read the full article on Karin's LinkedIn.](#)**

## Professor Karin Lasthuizen



Professor Karin Lasthuizen holds the Brian Picot Chair in Ethical Leadership | Aritahi, at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

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