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We are happy to present another volume of Scientific Papers of Silesian University of Technology, Series "Organization and Management". It is an effect of scientific cooperation of representatives of various universities, whose work was presented during the Third International Scientific Conference entitled "Social development towards values. Ethics-Technology-Society " organized by the Department of Applied Social Sciences, Faculty of Organization and Management of Silesian University of Technology and co-organized by Technische Universität Dresden, Internationales Hochschulinstitut Zittau, Fachbereich Sozialwissenschaften and by Faculty of Ethics and Applied Ethics, Department of Philosophy in Matej Bel University in Bańska Bystrica.

Wide spectrum of issues published by Authors refer to the correlation, mutual influence and determinants of ethics, technology and society.

These 20 articles presented in this volume relate to the topic "Humanities and social sciences towards the challenges of everyday life". Numerous papers include ethical issues (like i.e. "Innovative role of (applied) ethics and creation of good practice" or "Ethical-nursing approach to the quality of patient's life in a terminal stage of the cancer disease"). Some of them relate to organizational aspects of sustainable development (i.e. "Managing ethics in organization – focusing innovation in creating ethical organizational culture" or "Organizational culture and the dominant form of communication at the university"). Other papers relate i.e. to Autonomous Military Robots, criminality and human rights.

We hope that these articles will broaden the knowledge and interests of the Readers on ethics, technology and society and initiate a permanent exchange of experiences on social development. We sincerely thank all authors and reviewers for the articles contained in this volume, and we wish you a pleasant reading.

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