

Navigating ethics dilemmas when evaluating for government



Who are we, and why do we think we have something useful to share



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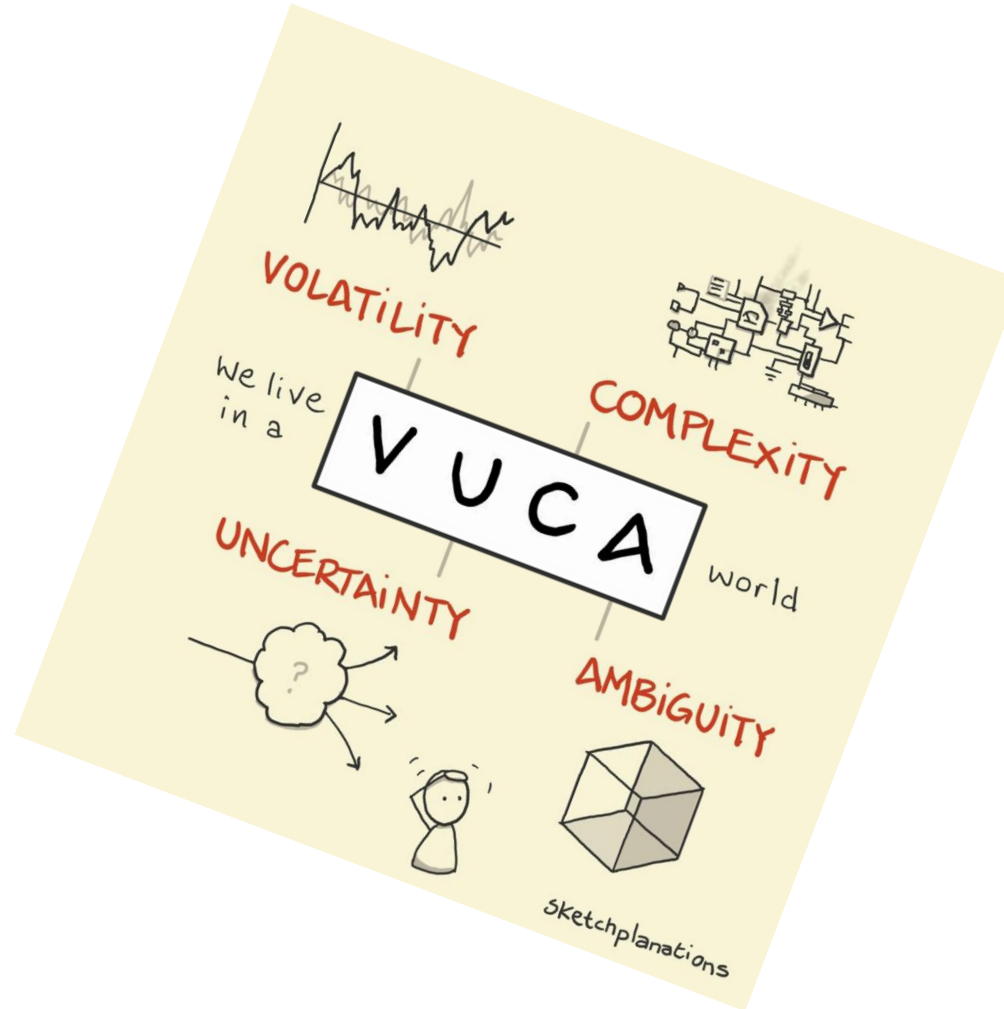
The genesis for today's session

How often do you think about everyday ethics?



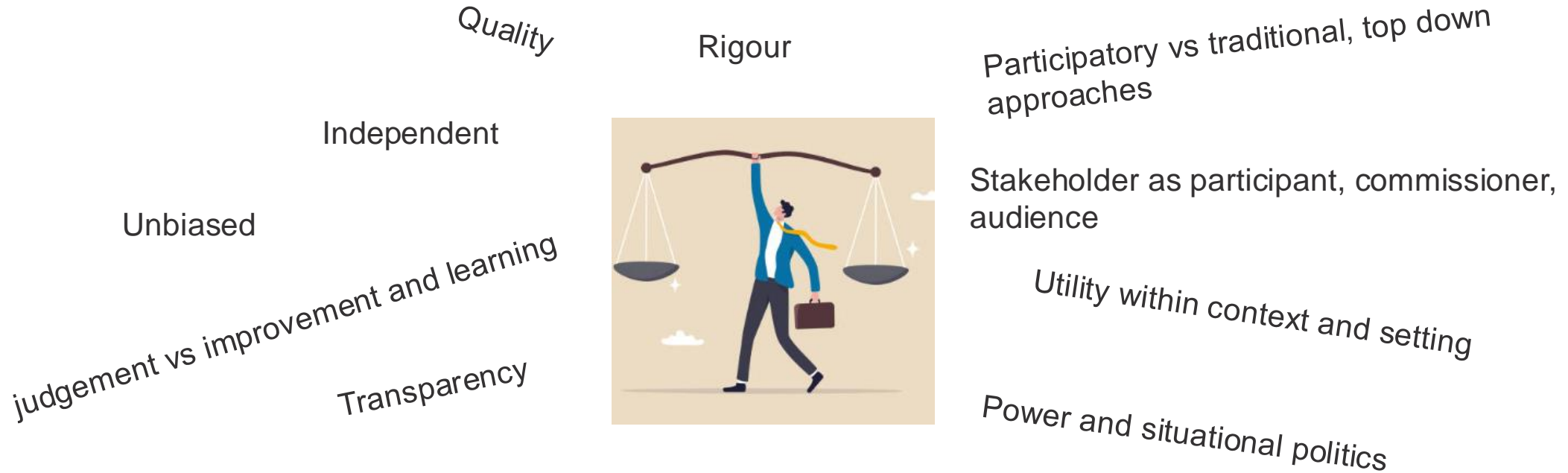
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A real-life VUCA situation



What do we mean – we all know of the shifting sands

Evaluation is the systematic and objective assessment of the design, implementation or results of a ... program or activity for the purposes of continuous improvement, accountability and decision-making. (ACE)



Balance between quality, ethics and utility – independence and collaboration between evaluator and stakeholders

We want to hear from you!

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Question 1 – How many times in the last year have you come across an ethical issue in your work?

Question 2 – Without including any identifying information, what were the main types or categories of ethical issues you experienced?

Question 3 – What have you found to work best to address the ethical issues you've been presented with?

These polls will be presented one at a time. You'll have a few minutes to complete each.

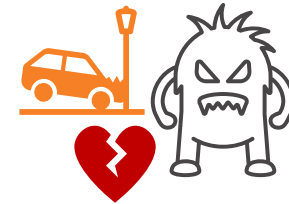
Navigating ethics dilemmas



The good



The bad



The ugly

What if we as evaluators had better language to talk about and identify everyday ethics situations?

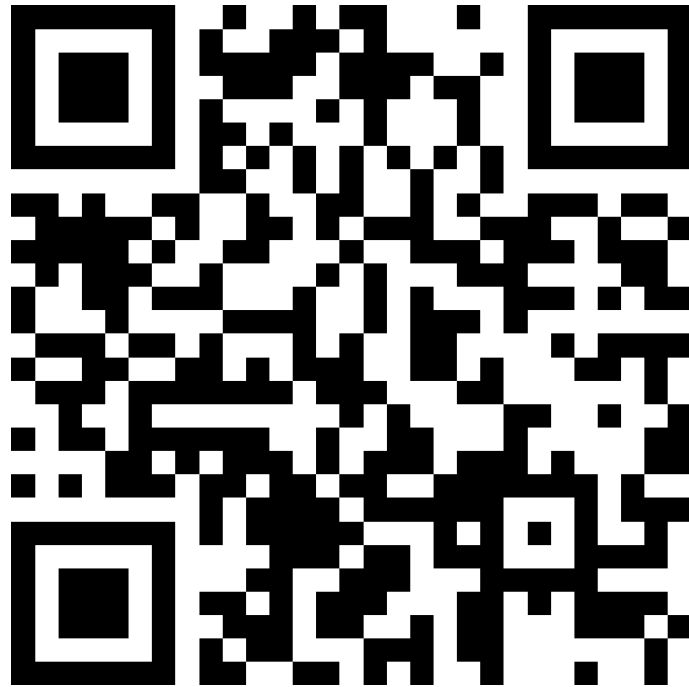


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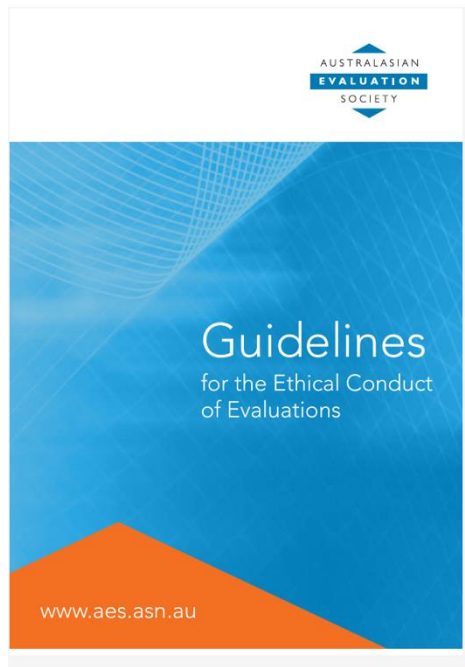
Back to you again – you’ve answered our questions; what questions do you have for us?

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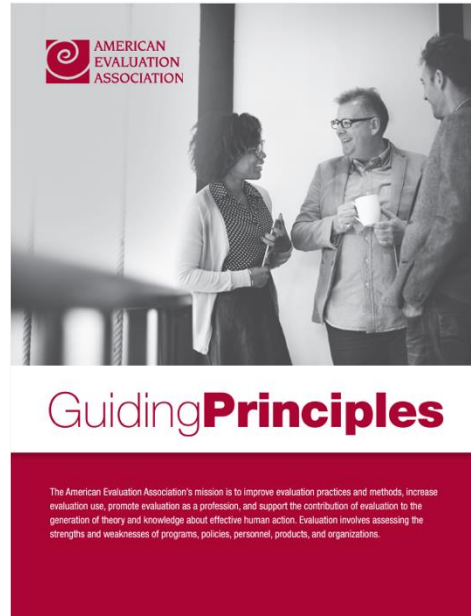
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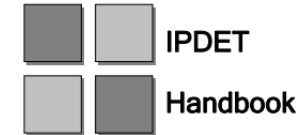
Practical resources that can help



Accessible via:
https://www.aes.asn.au/images/AES_Guidelines_web_v2.pdf



Accessible via:
<https://www.eval.org/About/Guiding-Principles>



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Evaluation Ethics, Politics, Standards, and Guiding Principles

Accessible via:
<https://www.betterevaluation.org/tools-resources/evaluation-ethics-politics-standards-guiding-principles>

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Closing remarks from the panel



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> reflect on the tactics discussed today, and see where you can implement them into your practices for managing future ethical issues

> join communities of practice across your organisation or sector, including:

- the AES
- the Australian Public Sector Network (APSEN)

> connect with us as everyday ethics champions on LinkedIn, if you're not sure where to start

> check out the AES Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations, the AEA Guiding Principles and the IPDET Handbook described earlier



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