

The Discipline of Accounting, Governance & Regulation and The Accounting Society (ASOC) invite you to A Pacioli Society Dinner Event



Ethics and the Accounting Profession: Global and Australian Perspectives on Contemporary Developments

Speaker:

Channa Wijesinghe, CEO, APESB and Member, IESBA

Please join colleagues from the Discipline of Accounting, Governance and Regulation in a discussion of ethics and the accounting profession with Channa Wijesinghe, CEO of the Accounting and Professional & Ethics Standards Board (APESB).

Channa will talk to us about the APESB's remarkable development over the last 18 years, from its humble beginnings to becoming a pre-eminent national ethics standard-setter on the global stage marked by the development of a unique world-class suite of

professional and ethical standards. Given the focus on the ethical conduct of the profession in Australia, Channa will provide insight into the APESB's engagement with the current Parliamentary Inquiries.

As a member of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), Channa will also talk about the IESBA's global mandate and the challenges facing the accounting profession, such as tax planning, sustainability reporting and assurance, and firm culture and governance.

The profession is at an inflection point, with the ethical application of technical competencies and the integrity of professional advice more important than ever. With many asking what needs to be done to ensure our approach to professional ethics is fit for purpose, there will be an opportunity to talk about these important issues and more in Q and A discussion moderated by Dr Cary Di Lernia.

- Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024
- **Time:** 5:30pm Registration and Canapes
  - 6:15pm 9:00pm Dinner and Address
- Venue: Level 17, 133 Castlereagh Street, SYDNEY
- Dress: Business Attire
- RSVP: Thursday, 8 August 2024



<u>Channa Wijesinghe</u>, FCPA, FCA, became a member of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants in January 2022. He was nominated by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB), Australia.

Mr. Wijesinghe is currently the CEO of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board (APESB) and was the inaugural Technical Director during APESB's first decade of operations (2007-2016). As CEO, he manages the

implementation of the Board's strategy, national and international stakeholder engagement, operations and technical work program. In addition, he functions as the Chair of the Board's standard development taskforces. He has also represented Australia's interests at the IESBA's National Standards Setters Group since 2009.

At IESBA, Mr Wijesinghe is a Member of the IESBA's Planning Committee, Tax Planning and Related Services Taskforce and the Sustainability Taskforce. In December 2023, he was appointed as the Chair of the IESBA's Firm Culture and Governance Working Group.

## Moderator:

Dr Cary Di Lernia is a Senior Lecturer and Pacioli Society Director for the Discipline of Accounting, Governance and Regulation at the University of Sydney Business School.

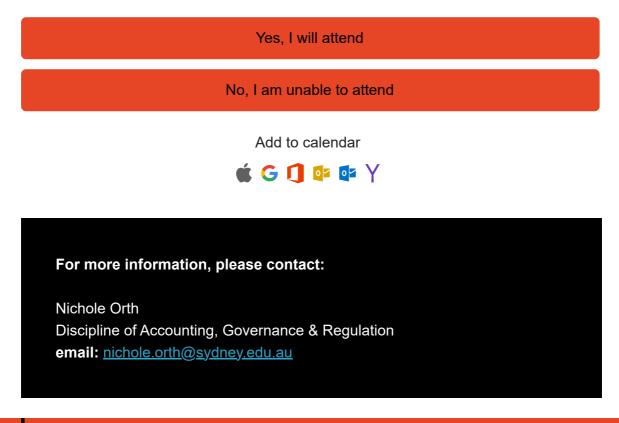
We hope to see you at this event. Please forward this invitation to colleagues who may be interested. Registrations are limited and essential.

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The Society's mission is to promote a greater awareness of accounting related careers by being the most accessible, innovative and rewarding society for business students. In doing so, the Society functions as a gateway between its sponsors and members, hosting regular workshops and career events to provide its members with valuable exposure to professional service firms.

## RSVP - 8 August 2024

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