

IGNTP Ethics Statement and Affiliation Policy

Ethics statement

The members of the IGNTP constitute a community of scholars dedicated to promoting the production of critical editions of books of the New Testament.

The core values of IGNTP are accountability, collaboration, collegiality, commitment, communication, efficiency, inclusiveness, leadership in textual scholarship, productivity, scholarly integrity, and tolerance.

The IGNTP requires professional and intellectual conduct in all its activities; members commit to respect for others and to the strict avoidance of all forms of harassment and discrimination.

Harassment means vexatious comment or conduct in relation to a person or group of persons which has the effect or purpose of creating a hostile or intimidating environment when such treatment abuses the power that one person holds over another or misuses authority; or such treatment has the effect or purpose of offending or demeaning a person or group of persons on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic group, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, disability, creed, age, or marital/family status. Sexual harassment includes any unwanted sexual attention or behavior by a person who knows or ought reasonably to know that such conduct is unwanted.

Discrimination means a making a distinction relating to personal characteristics of an individual or group resulting in denial of opportunity, or unfair treatment regarding selection, promotion, or transfer.

The IGNTP is committed to the creation and maintenance of a discrimination- and harassment-free environment in all of its activities. The professional conduct of all members who participate in such activities is essential to the achievement of this standard.

With regard to the use of artefacts, the IGNTP attends to their provenance and cooperates with providing institutions to verify their fair use. IGNTP will not

publish transcriptions or cite published transcriptions of a poorly-provenanced manuscript in conjunction with the sale of that manuscript (see Guidelines).

In addition to this statement, researchers on grants given for work connected with the IGNTTP will meet the ethical requirements of the funding bodies and institutions by and through whom such grants are administered.

(This statement is based on the Society of Biblical Literature Ethics Statement.)

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Affiliations

The IGNTTP creates partnerships with other bodies and institutions in order to fulfil its aim ‘to produce critical editions of books of the New Testament.’ To this day the IGNTTP has worked in partnership with the following bodies and institutions:

The Institute for New Testament Textual Research (*Institut für neutestamentliche Textforschung*, because of the agreement on the *Editio Critica Maior*);

The Society of Biblical Literature (IGNTTP meetings and ECM sessions take place at the SBL annual meeting);

The Institute for Textual Scholarship and Electronic Editing (IGNTTP Spring meetings are organized in conjunction with the Birmingham Colloquium on the Textual Criticism of the New Testament; and the ITSEE/ University of Birmingham stores microfilms and hosts the website and server where transcriptions and minutes are stored electronically);

Claremont Graduate University (because they have some microfilms);

The Insular Gospels project (as agreed with the committee);

The British Academy (as funders); and Cambridge University Library (Codex Bezae project).

Any future affiliation, formal partnership or formal collaboration should occur only by a resolution of the IGNTP committee at its meetings after a review process by the officers, which should be summarized and presented to the committee.

The work of the IGNTP is guided by its constitution and this policy, as well as applicable laws. The core policies of the IGNTP are as follows:

Affiliations and relationships are to be cooperative and collegial and should be established in so far as they promote the aim of the IGNTP to produce critical editions of books of the New Testament.

The reputation of the IGNTP for excellence and professionalism should be primary when evaluating potential affiliations and relationships.

Affiliates must be organized as either: non-profit organizations or public institutions and agencies associated with state or local governments or Higher Education Institutions accredited by the state.

The IGNTP does not affiliate with organizations which promote positions inconsistent with the ethics and mission of the IGNTP.

The Affiliate may use a special tagline “in association with the IGNTP” to describe its association with the IGNTP.

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