



In this volume, Liberato Santoro-Brienza traces an overview of the philosophical debate around the insertion of values and ethics in the global economy of today. The ethical dimension and its related issues of labour is something for which all human beings care deeply, especially today in an environment characterized by deep global financial and economic crisis. With this volume, the author would like to bring to the attention of the public at large that it is absolutely essential that the world becomes aware of the importance of values and spiritual references in politics, economics, human rights and social issues.

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