School leaders often have to deal with ethical issues, dilemmas and conundrums. Moral decision-making permeates all areas of school leadership, from educating the whole child to developing staff, managing processes, allocating resources and working with educational stakeholders. This workshop introduces the salient principles, dimensions and perspectives in ethical decision-making to school leaders. Combining Eastern and Western research, this session integrates Shapiro and Stefkovich’s framework for leadership practice with the Confucian values of ren (仁 humanity), shu (恕 empathy) and yi (義 appropriateness). Participants will learn about and apply multiple ethical paradigms for decision-making, namely the ethics of profession, care, justice and critique. They will also have the opportunity to analyse, clarify and share their own views and experiences regarding moral issues and choices through video clips, case studies and small group discussions.

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