

Diversity and Bioethics

26 – 29 August 2020 | Warsaw, Poland

34th European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine & Health Care

This conference will be organized by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare ([espmh](http://espmh.org)), the [Center for Bioethics & Biolaw](#) at the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Warsaw, as well as the Bioethics Committee at the Presidium of the [Polish Academy of Sciences](#).

The conference will focus on challenges posed by moral, religious and cultural diversity to healthcare, the life sciences and bioethics. Abstracts addressing any of the issues mentioned in the headings below from a philosophical and/or ethical perspective will be favored, although work on other topics can also be submitted.

Basic concepts

- Diversity and pluralism
- Relativism, objectivism and universalism
- Moral disagreement
- Moral compromise
- Tolerance
- Deliberation

Bioethics in democratic and/or autocratic societies

- Bioethics and democratic values
- Deliberative processes in bioethics
- Moral expertise and moral experts
- Ethics/bioethics committees
- Moral education in a democratic society
- Participatory medicine
- Citizen science

Basic concepts

- Challenges of multiculturalism
- Theories of global bioethics
- Global bioethics and human rights
- Global health problems, research, practice, and policy
- International cooperation for health

Conflicts between the patient's rights and wishes & the health practitioner's rights and duties

- Wish fulfilling medicine (non-medical interventions)
- Right-to-try and compassionate use
- Alternative medicine
- Conscientious objection in medicine

Facing diversity

- Moral pluralism and the value of human life & death
- Cultural diversity and concepts of health, disease, and illness
- New reproductive technologies and diverse accounts of parenthood
- Diversity (cultural, social, ethnic, gender) and justice in healthcare
- Methods of resolving moral disagreements

Emerging ICT in healthcare

- E-medicine / e-health
- Wearables in healthcare
- Big data on health and data mining
- Public health surveillance technologies
- Artificial intelligence and robotics

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Organization

The registration process, the call for abstracts, the development and the publication of the announcements of the programme as well as the mailings to participants will be taken care of by the ESPMH Secretariat in Dublin, Ireland.

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1 March 2020

Deadline for submission of abstracts

1st half of March 2020

Selection of abstracts

2nd half of March 2020

Draft programme

15 April 2020

Deadline for early bird registration
and payment

Language

The language for the conference will be **English**

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University of Warsaw

The University of Warsaw (UW) was founded in 1816. Today it is the best and the largest public academic institution in Poland. The UW encompasses 21 faculties and over 30 research units. Its academic community consists of 7,300 employees and more than 50 000 students, including 2,900 doctoral students, and 4,900 international students and doctoral students. The UW offers over 100 Polish-language Bachelor, Master, and PhD programmes and 27 English-language programmes in humanities, social, exact and natural sciences, as well as in numerous interdisciplinary fields. It also offers 29 double degree programmes run in collaboration with international partners.

The University of Warsaw is the best research center in the country and one of the leading ones in Europe. The UW's scholars investigate

over 3,250 research topics per year. They participate in 1600 projects financed by national or international research programmes, such as EU framework programmes.

The high quality of the UW's teaching and research is reflected in various rankings. The UW is among the top 3% of the world's universities according to global ranking such as Times Higher Education World University Ranking (THE), Quaquarelli Symmonds World University Ranking (QS), Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU). 17 programmes provided by UW have been listed in QS World University Rankings by Subject 2018. 15 programmes offered by UW have been listed in Eduniversal Best Masters & MBA Ranking 2017. [Based upon: <http://en.uw.edu.pl/about-university/facts-and-figures/>]



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Center for Bioethics & Biolaw

Center for Bioethics and Biolaw was established in 2015 at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw. It gathers both experienced and young scholars working on ethical, as well as legal, cultural, and social aspects of progress in medical and biological sciences. Currently researchers from the Center are involved in the following interdisciplinary national and international research project: “Healthcare as a public space: social integration and social diversity in the context of access to healthcare in Europe”, “Body, person, and informed consent. ethics of using human body in medicine and research”; “Ethical analysis of risks and potential benefits in biomedical research”; “Development of participatory bioethics”; “Legal responsibility of cognitively enhanced persons”.

Apart from research activities, the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw undertakes various activities aimed at developing Polish bioethics as social practice and public discourse. It closely collaborates with the Bioethics Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences in developing educational programs in bioethics (i.e. annual Spring Schools in Bioethics) as well as organizing national and international conferences on various bioethical topics. For further information, please visit: <https://cbb.uw.edu.pl/en/>

Bioethics Committee at the Presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Bioethics Committee at the Presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) was established in 2011. Its role to identify and analyze ethical problems raised by an unprecedented development of medical and life sciences, and to investigate its social, political, and legal implications.

The Committee is an interdisciplinary body. It includes eminent scholars representing humanities as well as social, legal, medical, and life sciences, and other relevant fields. The Committee fosters academic and public bioethical debate by issuing statements and opinions on various bioethical topics. In collaboration with the Center for Bioethics and Biolaw at the University of Warsaw, the Bioethics Committee organizes highly-prized biannual bioethical conferences which attract attention and attendance of numerous scholars from around Poland and beyond. It is also the main organizer of a popular educational event for students and young scholars - Spring School in Bioethics. For further information, please visit: <http://www.bioetyka.pan.pl/>

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Registration

A registration form can be downloaded from the ESPMH website (www.espmh.org). This should be completed and returned, and the registration fee should be paid, no later than **15 April 2020** in order to qualify for the early bird registration fee (see below). Fees are higher after that date. The fee should be paid to the ESPMH Treasurer (details provided on the registration form).

Abstract booklet, programme & papers

All participants will be provided with a programme as well as an abstract booklet at the registration desk. The programme will also be made available online well in advance.

Full manuscripts of presented papers can be submitted for publication in the ESPMH journal "Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy. A European Journal". Participants are invited to read the instructions for authors on the website of the journal and to submit an appropriately prepared article online for review (see: <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/applied+ethics/journal/11019>).

Registration fee

A reduced registration fee is applicable for participants who are members of the ESPMH.

The registration fee for PARTICIPANTS covers:

the welcome reception (Wednesday), two lunches, the refreshments during breaks, the conference dinner (Friday) and an abstract booklet.

Paid before 15 April 2020:

ESPMH member: € 450
Non-member: € 500

Paid after 15 April 2020:

ESPMH member: € 520
Non-member: € 570

The registration fee for ACCOMPANYING

PERSONS covers: the welcome reception (Wednesday) and the conference dinner (Friday).

Paid before 15 April 2020: € 100

Paid after 15 April 2020: € 120

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Getting to Warsaw

For detailed information visit Warsaw official tourist website:

<https://warsawtour.pl/en/getting-to-warsaw/>

By air

There are two international airports in (or near) Warsaw:

Warsaw Chopin Airport is the largest and busiest airport in Poland. It links the country's capital to major international and domestic destinations. The airport is located at approx. 10 km from the city centre (and the conference venue). The centre can be accessed within 20 minutes by public bus lines (no. 175 during the day and N32 at night), train (Fast Urban Railway, SKM, lines S2 and S3; the railway station is in the underground of the airport), or by taxi (approx. 8-10 €). For further information, please go to:

<https://www.lotnisko-chopina.pl/en/index.html>

Warsaw Modlin Airport is located approx. 35 km north-west from the city centre. Most of the flights handled by the Airport are operated by charter or low-cost airline companies, mainly Ryanair airlines. There is a convenient shuttle bus ModlinBus from Warsaw Modlin Airport (WMI) to Warsaw city centre (Plac Defilad, opposite the entrance to the Palace of Culture and Science). It takes 50 minutes, and costs approx. 8 €. The city centre can be also accessed by trains (approx. 4 €) or by taxi (approx. 50 €). For further information, please go to: <https://en.modlinairport.pl/>



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By train and bus

To and from Warsaw:

Warsaw has three large railway stations serving international and domestic long-distance connections: Warszawa Centralna (Warsaw Central Railway Station) at 54 Jerozolimskie Ave., Warszawa Zachodnia (Warsaw West Railway Station) at 144 Jerozolimskie Ave., and Warszawa Wschodnia (Warsaw East Railway Station) at 1 Lubelska Str., on the Praga side of the Vistula river.

Warszawa Centralna (Warsaw Central Railway Station) is situated in the heart of the city, in a

walking distance from the conference venue. The Station can be reached from two other railway stations by train, public bus lines or taxi. For further information and train timetables, please visit:

<https://www.pkp.pl/en/> or <https://en.e-podroznik.pl/>

The bus station Dworzec PKS Warszawa Zachodnia at 144 Jerozolimskie Ave. offers international and national connections. For bus timetables, please visit <https://en.e-podroznik.pl/>

While in Warsaw

Warsaw has a very well-developed public transportation system which includes city buses (over 300 lines, including night lines), trams (26 lines), and 2 metro lines. There is one integrated format of tickets for all means of public transportation. Tickets can be purchased in kiosks, some shops, at ZTM points, and at ticket machines located in the metro, bus and tram stations (with either cash or debit cards). Tickets can also be purchased using a mobile phone (for more information about this option, please go to:

<https://www.wtp.waw.pl/en/where-to-buy-a-ticket/ticket-by-mobile/>).

Selected ticket prices in urban zone (“zone 1”):

- 20 minute ticket: standard – 3,40 PLN, discount – 1,70 PLN
- 75 minute ticket: standard – 4,40 PLN, discount – 2,20 PLN
- one-day ticket (valid 24h): standard – 15,00 PLN, discount – 7,50 PLN
- three-day ticket: standard – 36,00 PLN, discount – 18,00 PLN

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People over 70 (based on a valid ID with a photo) and children up to 30 September of their 7th year are entitled to free travel. Children from the 1st of October of the calendar year in which they turn 7 until they turn 16 and students of foreign schools holding an ISIC (International Student Identity Card) until they turn 26 are entitled to half-fare travel on condition that they hold a photo-document confirming their birth date. More information about public transport timetables and tickets tariffs at <https://www.wtp.waw.pl/en/>

There are numerous taxi companies in the city as well as Uber drivers. Visitors are advised to use only licensed taxis. They are easy to recognize. A taxi must have a "taxi" roof sign, yellow-red side stripe with the five-digit side number of the vehicle on both front doors (below the window), the coat of arms of Warsaw consists of an armed mermaid in a red field, and taxi tariffs clearly displayed in the car window. Warsaw Chopin Airport and Warsaw Modlin Airport offer only selected and reliable taxi companies: Ele Taxi, Sawa Taxi, Super Taxi, and Taxi Modlin.

Other options for transportation are also available e.g. city bike (Veturilo). For details visit: <https://www.wtp.waw.pl/en/city-bike-veturilo/>

Currency

The unit of currency in Poland is the Polish Zloty (1 Euro = 4,3 PLN). Foreign currency can easily be exchanged at the airports, banks, or at exchange bureaus. All major credit cards are accepted, including VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club.

Visa

Please contact your local consulate for details.

Social Programme

The following social activities will be offered for all participants:

- Welcome reception on Wednesday (26 August)
- Conference dinner on Friday (28 August)
- Sightseeing walking tour of Warsaw

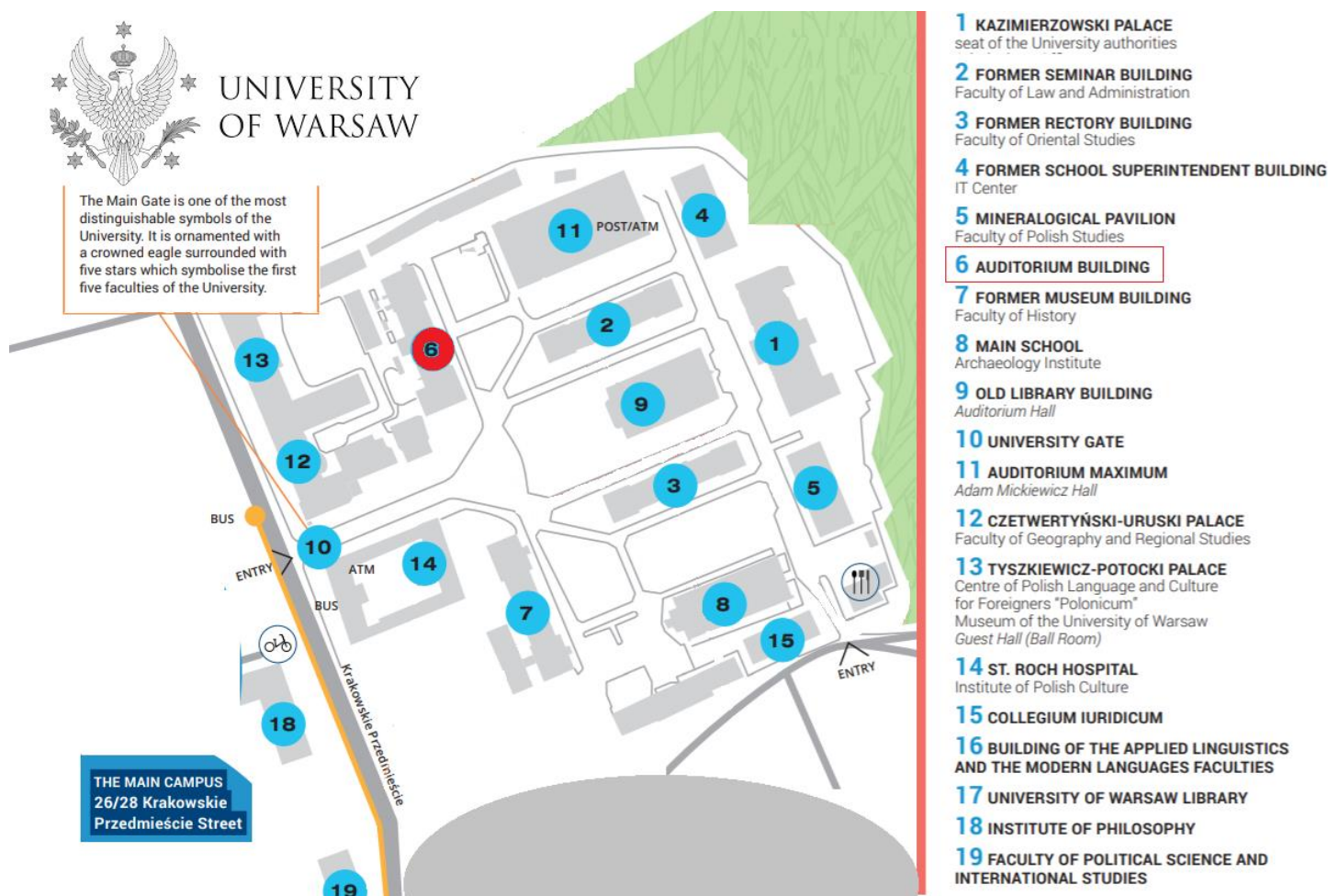
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Conference venue and accommodation

The conference will be held in the Auditorium Building (no. 6 on the map) at the main historical campus of the University of Warsaw (26/28 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street, Warsaw). The campus is situated in the heart of the city, along the Royal Route, in a walking distance to the Warsaw Old Town. It is one of the most enchanting areas of the city.



The conference venue can be reached by:

- Buses (lines: 102, 105, 111, 116, 128, 175, 178, 180, 222, 503, 518, E-2; bus stop "Uniwersytet")

- Metro (line M2; station "Nowy Swiat-Uniwersytet")

For bus routes, stops, and timetables, please visit: <https://www.wtp.waw.pl/en/timetables/>

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Conference participants are responsible for their own accommodation in Warsaw. Warsaw offers high number of quality accommodation from luxury hotels to hostels and bed and breakfast all near the conference venue.

Here is a list of the hotels situated in the centre of the city. Prices range from 30€ to more than 250€ per night depending on a standard.

Raffles Europejski Warsaw *****

<https://www.grandluxuryhotels.com/>

Sofitel Warsaw Victoria *****

<https://all.accor.com/pl/city/hotele-warszawa-v4333.shtml>

Hotel Bristol *****

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wawlc-hotel-bristol-a-luxury-collection-hotel-warsaw/>

Radisson Collection Hotel *****

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/pl-pl/hotele/radisson-collection-warsaw-centrum>

Warsaw Mariot Hotel *****

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wawpl-warsaw-marriott-hotel/>

InterContinental Warsaw *****

<https://www.intercontinental.com/hotels/gb/en/reservation>

Mercure Warszawa Centrum ****

<https://all.accor.com/pl/city/hotele-warszawa-v4333.shtml>

Mercure Warszawa Centrum Grand *****

<https://all.accor.com/pl/city/hotele-warszawa-v4333.shtml>

Hilton Warsaw Hotel ****

Novotel Warszawa Centrum ****

<https://all.accor.com/pl/city/hotele-warszawa-v4333.shtml>

Hotel Polonia Palace ****

<https://www.poloniapalace.com/>

Leonardo Royal Hotel Warsaw ****

<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/leonardo-royal-hotel-warsaw>

Hampton by Hilton Warsaw City Centre***

https://www.hiltonhotels.com/pl_PL/polska/hampton-by-hilton-warsaw-city-centre

Hotel Metropol***

<https://www.hotelmetropol.com.pl/>

Novotel Warszawa Centrum ***

<http://www.accorhotels.com/pl/hotel-3383-novotel->

Hotel Gromada ***

<https://www.gromada.pl/hotel-warszawa-centrum>

Hotel Harenda **

<http://www.hotelharenda.pl/>

Hotel Logos *

<http://www.hotellogos.pl/>

Fest Hostel Warsaw

<http://festhostel.pl/en/home/>

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About Poland

Localization: Central Europe. Poland is bordered by the Baltic Sea, Lithuania, and Russia's Kaliningrad Oblast to the north, Belarus and Ukraine to the east, Slovakia and the Czechia to the south, and Germany to the west.

Capital: Warsaw

Other major cities: Gdansk, Krakow, Lodz, Poznan, Wroclaw

Geographical size: 312,696 square kilometers

Population: 38,5 million people (sixth most populous EU state)

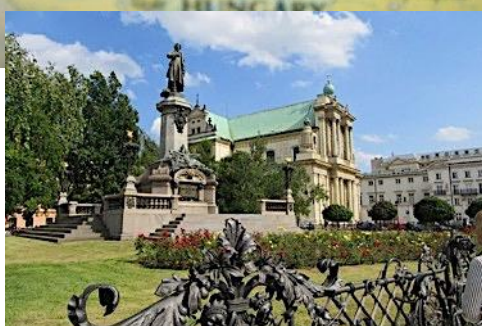
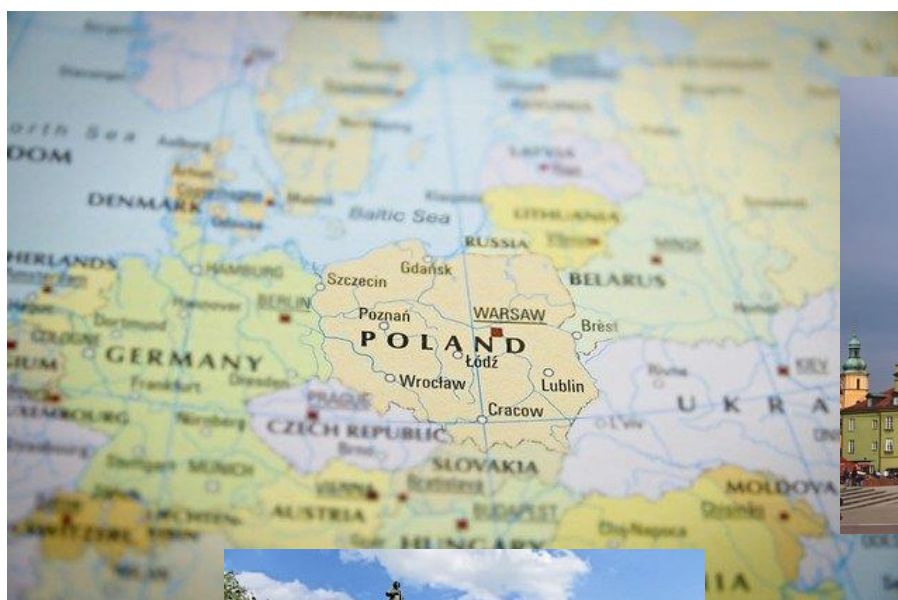
Official EU language: Polish

Political system: Constitutional republic

EU member country since: 1 May 2004

Gross domestic product (GDP) per capita: \$14,902 (2019 as estimated)

For further information, please visit:
<https://www.poland.travel/en>



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About Warsaw

Warsaw is the capital and largest city of Poland. It is situated on the Vistula River in east-central Poland. The city is one of the ten most populous cities in the EU. Its population is officially estimated at 1,78 million residents (and within a greater metropolitan area of 3.1 million residents).

Warsaw is a city of a fascinating history and many faces, where tradition meets modernity. A 30-minute walk separates the post-war reconstruction of the Warsaw Old Town and the Royal Castle (designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site) from the Palace of Culture and Science – an epitome of so-called style built in 1955, as a ‘gift from the Soviet people’, and from a modern business financial district with numerous skyscraper buildings made of steel and glass.

Warsaw is one of Europe’s most dynamic and liveable cities. It is a meeting place for politicians, economists as well as scientists, students, and artists of all nationalities.

The city is the seat of the Polish government, Frontex - the European Union European Border and Coast Guard Agency, and Warsaw Stock Exchange (the largest and most important in the region).

It is also the seat of the Polish Academy of Sciences and numerous academic institutions (including University of Warsaw, Warsaw



University of Technology, and SGH Warsaw School of Economics).

Warsaw is also home to hundreds of cultural institutions and historic sites: National Opera, many theaters, internationally known museums and galleries (i.e. the Zachęta National Gallery of Art, POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, Fryderyk Chopin’s Museum), historical palaces, and churches. It is a city famous for its beautiful parks and gardens (Saski Garden, Krasinski’s Garden, Royal Łazienki Palace-Park Complex, Wilanów Palace-Garden Complex). Green space covers a quarter of Warsaw.

For further information, please visit:

<https://warsawtour.pl/en/main-page/>

<https://www.poland.travel/en/cities/warsaw>