37th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE 13 – 16 August 2025

Bioethics and philosophy of medicine after COVID

PROGRAMME (DRAFT 5 JUNE)

Wednesday, 13 August	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 176 OXFORD RD
16.00-18.00	REGISTRATION
18.00-18.15	OPENING CEREMONY Speakers: Ana Borovecki (Department of Social Medicine and Organization of Health Care, University of Zagreb, Croatia) – President ESPMH Room:
18.15-19.45	Plenary session: Jacob Stegenga (Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK) Title: " Assessing Effectiveness " <i>Chair:</i> Room:
20.00	WELCOME RECEPTION VENUE:

Thursday, 14 August (morning)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY								
09.00-10.00	Plenary session: SHEREEN COX (CENTRE FOR MEDICAL ETHICS, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, NORWAY; UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, JAMAICA) TITLE: "Addressing epistemic blind spots and simplified narratives about the healthcare professions in philosophy and ethics" <i>Chair:</i> ROOM:								
10.00-10.30	Вгеак								
	Session 1.1 AI: ethical Challenges and Considerations in Implementation ROOM: Chair:	AI: ethical Challenges and Considerations in Implementation ROOM:Ethical frameworks and principles in COVID-19 responseDiscrimination and injustice ROOM:Challenges and roles of RECs in modern research ROOM: Chair:Palliative care ROOM: Chair:Interdisciplinarity ROOM: Chair:Normative failures in institutional and social Chair:AI: ethical frameworks and principles in COVID-19 responseDiscrimination and injusticeChallenges and roles of RECs in modern research ROOM: Chair:Palliative care ROOM: Chair:Interdisciplinarity ROOM: Chair:Normative failures in institutional and social CoviDi-19 response ROOM: Chair:							
10.30-10.55	Machine learning, trust, and healthcare resource allocation: lessons from the Transplant Benefit Score Jamie Webb	How to Bring a Pen to a Gunfight: The Future of Bioethics Nancy M. P. King	Genetic Discrimination and Genetic Injustice Andreas Bruns	Reseach ethics and integrity: REC approach to Open Science Vygintas Aliukonis	Depression as a Terminal Illness – is there a place for Palliative Care? Minna Chang	From Ethics to Practice: Ethical Framework and Best-Practice Recommendations for a Genomic Newborn Screening Program Karla Alex	End-of-live considerations: An ethical discussion of the concept of dignity in the context of dying during the COVID-19 pandemic Lena Dörmann		
11.00-11.25	The Ethics of AI in Healthcare: Blancing the Technical with the Personal Michael McCarthy	A Personalist Approach to the Just Allocation of Resources in the Midst of a Pandemic Johnny Sakr	Global justice, viewpoint discrimination and academic research from the global South: implications for minimizing global inequalities in healthcare Sylvester C. Chima	The interface between research ethics and research integrity: a response from the perspective of practical ethics Kristi Lõuk	Ethical and legal perspective of End-of-life decisions debates Adam Doležal	The use of care technology in cross-sectoral care pathways. Theoretical foundations and empirical insights into ELSA research Lena Stange, Anna-Eva Nebowsky	Autonomy at risk: Covid- 19, the WHO and the ethics of science communication during uncertain times Seppe van Bladel, Maarten de Cock, Matthias Bogaert, Bram Janssens, Veerle Provoost		
11.30-11.55	Artificial intelligence tools to predict violence in psychiatric inpatient settings - ethical challenges Mirjam Faissner, Esther Braun, Christin Hempeler	Explicability as a Foundational Bioethical Principle: Revisiting COVID-19 Ethical Experiences Miriam Bentwich	Ageism and its Discontents Frida Simonstein	Who decides what research matters: the role of RECs in research priority-setting during and after the COVID-19 pandemic Vilma Lukaševičienė, Eugenijus Gefenas	The intersectionality of palliative illness and lack of health insurance in Germany Antonia Sahm, Matthias Zimmer	Clarifying Human Dignity in Home Hospice Care Inbal Halevi Hochwald, Gila Yakov, Gabriela Spector- Mersel	Rupturing the Politics of Forgetting: Long Covid and the Ethics of Uncertainty? Vivienne Matthies-Boon, Veerle Provoost		
12.00-12.25	Responsibility for the Use of Opaque Machine Learning Algorithms in Clinical Diagnosis Aaron Gray	The rebirth of futility and the German Triage-law Stephan Sahm	Against Structural Injustice in Crisis Triage: Envisioning Insurgent Disability Bioethics with Bergson and Levinas Balam Nedim Kenter	Research ethics without RECs: biomedical research practices during the Cold War period (1960-1980) Péter Kakuk	Palliative Sedation as a Cultural Solution in Israel: Ethical and Societal Implications Rotem Waitzman	The Post-COVID Mental Health and Wellbeing Effects on Young People and the implications for Social Work and Mental Health Practice Mayio Konidaris-Kozirakis			
12.25-14.00		LUNCH VENUE:							

Thursday, 14 August (afternoon)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY								
	Session 2.1 AI: philosophical and epistemological perspectives ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.2 Vulnerability and justice for specific populations during COVID-19 ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.3 Death and dying ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.4 Ethical considerations in vulnerable research contexts ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.5 Ethical implications of neural organoid research and occupational health ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.6 Resource Allocation and Priority-Setting ROOM: Chair:	Session 2.7 Ethical decision-making and patient autonomy Room: Chair:		
14.00-14.25	Situated Pessimism and AI Hype: Rethinking the Dichotomy of Optimism and Pessimism Johanna Aloha-Launonen	Structural Injustices During the COVID-19 Pandemic Eva Katharina Boser	Legal permissibility of Aid-in-Dying procedures: a threat for the marginalized? Lessons from Canada Maciej Piwowarski	Ethical Considerations for Research Conducted During War Emily Anderson, Donal O'Mathuna	Neural organoids and the moral significance of consciousness Garðar Árnason	Does scarcity in health resources change ethical obligations? On the idea of normative tipping points. Ulrik Kihlbom	Conscientious Objection and Late(r) Term Abortion in Permissive Jurisdictions Nathan Emmerich	Special	
14.30-14.55	Epistemic Authority in Al-Augmented Dermatological Diagnosis: A Situated Knowledge Approach John Kirkley	Disabled people and triage in COVID; criticism on the use of the Clinical Frailty Scale (CFS) Ástríður Stefánsdóttir	Rethinking Suicide Risk: A Normative Approach to Suicide Prevention René Baston	Payments for research participants and research risks Joanna Rozynska	Navigating the Ethical Landscape of Neural Organoid Research Sarah Diner	Genome Editing and non- ideal Justice: the case of Casgevy Oliver Feeney	To tell or not to tell the child: the case of VAD deactivation Stella Mosetti	- session 2.8 Young Scholar Award	
15.00-15.25	How can AI enhance our moral decision-making in bioethical matters? Margit Sutrop	What "Locking Down" and "Shielding" taught us about Vulnerability and Disability Anthony Mark Cutter	Relational Equality, Expressivism, and Assisted Dying Yoann Della Croce	Dialogue towards ethical participation. A qualitative study of Deaf people's research experiences Tomasz Krawczyk, et al.	Conventional or agroecological farming: ethical dilemmas for occupational health Cristian Timmermann, Georges Félix	Gene therapy, precision medicine, and the fragmentation of solidarity Leonard Fleck	Patient engagement: an ethical, epistemological and pragmatical contribution to health care Maria Alejandra Rivas Carrero	(See below) ROOM:	
15.30-15.55	Digits, data and disease - How biomarkers and digital markers (re)frame disease and health Marianne Boenink	Nonbinary gender in clinical space: A hermeneutical approach Christoph Rehmann-Sutter		Societal Responsibility in Culture of Care in Animal Research David Mawufemor Azilagbetor		It's Your Turn! – Intergenerational Turn- Taking as an Approach for a Sustainable and Future-Proof Healthcare System Niklas Ellerich-Groppe	The UK's NHS policy on HPV vaccines is discriminatory towards females ages 26-45 Cristina Richie		

16:30 -19.30

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 14 August (afternoon)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY						
	Special session 2.8 ROOM:						
	Young Scholar Award Winners Chair: Péter Kakuk						
	The European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH) is annually granting two awards for young scholars for scientific contributions addressing ethical, epistemological, or other philosophical issues related to medicine and healthcare. Submissions must be single-authored, original, unpublished works. The first-place award includes $\in 2,000$, and the second-place award $\notin 1,500$ (both intended to support travel and accommodation costs for attending).						
14.00-15.00	This year's awards have been granted to Thomas Donaldson (first award), and Byron Hyde (second award).						
	Contributions						
	 Thomas Donaldson (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK): "Autonomy, virtue, the doctor-patient relationship, and requests for intensive care treatment for patients with a low chance of survival." 						
	 Byron Hyde (Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol, UK): "Lying Increases Trust in Medicine" 						

Friday, 15 August (morning)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY								
09.00-10.00	Plenary session: Greg Bognar (Department of Philosophy, Stockholm University, and Stockholm Centre for Healthcare Ethics, Sweden) Title : "Self-Ownership and the Moral Significance of Birth" <i>Chair:</i> Room:								
10.00-10.30				BREAK					
	Session 3.1 AI: governance, policy, and practical implementation ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> Towards a governance	Session 3.2 Impact on children and policy implications during COVID-19 ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> The lack of bio/ethics in COVID 10 proving	Session 3.3 Ethical tensions between individual rights and public health measures ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> Health of a citizen:	Session 3.4 Innovative approaches to research ethics challenges ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> Could living research	Session 3.5 New challenges to the concepts of health and disease ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> Delimiting medicine	Session 3.6 Ethics in caregiving and healthcare professions ROOM: <i>Chair:</i> Family caregivers' dual	Session 3.7 Ethics in emerging technologies and healthcare innovations Room: <i>Chair:</i> Medical ethics and space		
10.30-10.55	model ensuring the principle of respect for persons in the use and development of AI in health Itziar de Lecuona, Paula Subías-Beltrán	COVID-19 vaccine prioritization during a scarse vaccine situation in Slovakia in early 2021 year Peter Sykora	common good protected by the state vs individual right respected and enforced by the state? Natali Levin	ethics be beneficial in crisis situations? Katja Kühlmeyer, Ariel Cascio	Bjørn Hofmann	loyalties: Navigating Moral Challenges Without a Code of Ethics Daniella Arieli, Dalit Yassour-Borochowitz	exploration: a transdisciplinary framework for global collaboration Steven Firth	Session 3.8	
11.00-11.25	Navigating Inductive Risk in Machine Learning for Hadron Therapy Ethan Vorster	Covid 19 and Children – How can we improve policy making in times of crisis? Salvör Nordal	Bioethical Pandemic Pandemonium: Reasons, Religions, Rights, and Refusals Timothy Mosteller	A Methodological Approach to Address Ethical Challenges in Data-Driven Pediatric Transplant Research Janet Delgado, et al.	Risk factors and disease: alternative facts or dynamic duo? Patrick Daly	Live-in Care in Crisis – An Ethical Analysis of German Movies about Live-in Care Matthias Hauer	The Role of Community in Individual Well-being Self-assessment: A Wearable Technology Case Study in Physical Activities Karlina Grivina	Workshop (See below) ROOM:	
11.30-11.55	The ethics of AI-based prediction of disease onset and progression Max J. Rensink, L.L.E. Bolt, M.H.N. Schermer	The neglected side of ethical balancing: core social needs in pandemic public health deliberation Gemma García Calderó	Vaccination, rights and ethics Shlomit Zuckerman, Karen da Costa	A novel consent matrix to assist researchers in choosing ethically defensible and evidence- based recruitment and consent methods Amir M Zayegh, et al.	The legacy of Ivan Illich – reinventing the concept iatrogenesis Rolf Ahlzen	Good girl syndrome - On the balance between challenge, training and recovery Petra Gelhaus	Biomarking Multiple Sclerosis: the role of biomarker testing in Multiple Sclerosis Authors Lennart van der Molen, et al.		
12.00-12.25			Is there a 'right to err'? On the autonomy compatibility of false beliefs Christiane Burmeister	Direct and surrogate benefit in cancer clinical trials Marcin Waligóra					
12.25-14.00				Lunch Venue:					

VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
Session 3.8 Room:
Workshop: Philosophy of medicine – the past, present and future
Chair: Søren Holm
Topic: The book series Philosophy & Medicine originally established by H. Tristram Engelhardt and Stuart Spicker and published by Springer published its first volume 50 years ago in 1975. During these 50 years some have claimed that the philosophy of medicine does not exist (as an academic field), some have argued that it has been completely supplanted by medical ethics/bioethics, whereas others have counterargued that philosophy of medicine is in rude health and still delivering important philosophical input to our understanding of medicine as a science and practice.
This interactive workshop will survey the past of philosophy of medicine and discuss its relevance for the future. During the workshop we will thus discuss the following issues:
 What are the topics for the future? What are the preconditions for a sustainable development of philosophy of medicine, and for impact on medical science and practice?
Contributions
 Bjørn Hofmann (Department of Health Sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway): "Health, disease and diagnosis"
 Fredrik Svenaeus (Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Sweden): "The past and future of phenomenology"
 Thomas Schramme (Department of Philosophy, University of Liverpool, UK): "Philosophy and medicine"
 Søren Holm (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK): "Does the philosophy of medicine exist?

Friday, 15 August (afternoon)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY									
	Session 4.1 AI: empirical studies and stakeholder perspectives ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 4.2 Healthcare practices and ethical challenges in patient care during COVID-19 ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 4.3 Ethical frameworks and roles in pandemic response and research ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 4.4 Virtue ethics ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.5 Freedom and autonomy ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 4.6 Weight-loss drugs and obesity management ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.7 Ethical Challenges in healthcare systems and practices Room: <i>Chair:</i>			
14.00-14.25	Patients' Perspectives on AI, Personalised Medicine, and Cardiac Risk Prediction – Insights from a European Transdisciplinary Empirical Ethics Project Georg Lindinger, et al.	Noli me tangere. Covid 19 and touch in medical encounters Ignaas Devisch	Is there a common health framework that could be applied to health and trade? Corrado Piroddi	Virtue ethics, acts vs omissions, and burdens of proof Justin Oakley	The conflict between the respect for patient autonomy and oral health in the narratives of Hungarian dentists and patients Szilárd Dávid Kovács, József Kovács, Anna Jeney, Szilvia Zörgő	Gamechanger GLP-1 Agonists? – Pitfalls, Ethics and Equity Weidinger, Imogen	The Dark Side of Morality: How Strategic Moralization Shapes Clinical Decisions Martin Zielina			
14.30-14.55	Using AI as a Tool to Reduce Healthcare Professional Burnout: Ethical Considerations and Challenges. Georgette Gavey	Ethical considerations on results of a Survey-Based Study on Italian Physicians' Opinions on Telemedicine. Renzo Pegoraro, Luciana Caenazzo	The role of ethics advisors in the framework of intercontinental research for Dengue pandemic preparedness Kristina Hug, Jonathan Andrew	How can Aristotle's Virtue of Courage be Applied to the Decision not to Operate? Ashmethaa Ashokkumar	Freedom in Residential Dementia Care: A Philosophical Framework for Policymaking Kim Meilin Kulaczewski	Towards an adaptable conception of healthcare practice Oriana Carciente	Setting the Limits of Pragmatic Medicine: A Case Study of Treating PMS and PMDD with Oral Contraceptives Ilvie Prince			
15.00-15.25	Instrumental rationality, value trade-offs, and medical AI Zachary Daus	Policing the Covid-19 Epidemic in England – A Breach of Confidentiality? Emmi Kaaya	Can We Infect Healthy People with Potentially Dangerous Pathogens About Which We Know Very Little, and Does It Make a Difference if It's an Emergency? Byron Hyde	Ethics as Work Kadri, Simm	Reading Arendt in Israel- Natality and Anti-Natality in the Gaza War Zohar Lederman, Shmuel Lederman	How an elaborated understanding of child well-being can support paediatric decision- making: The example of childhood obesity Anna Hirsch	The agents of climate justice in healthcare Joshua Parker			
15.30-15.55	Trustworthy AI – Is the health care context different? Søren Holm, Thomas Ploug	The Phenomenology of Frailty: COVID-19 and Old-Age Vulnerability Fredrik Svenaeus	The Role of Bioethics in Time of Polycrisis Judit Sándor				Ethical codes in the pharmaceutical market Akalework Mengesha, et al.			
16.00-16.30				BREAK						
16.30-17.30	ESPMH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ROOM:									
19.00-23.00		Conference dinner Venue:								

Saturday, 16 August (morning)	VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY								
09.00-10.00	Plenary session: Alexandra Mullock (School of Law, University of Manchester, UK) Title: "Citizen's Juries on Assisted Dying and the role of public participation in shaping policy" <i>Chair:</i> Room:								
10.00-10.30				BREAK					
	Session 5.1 Philosophical and meta- ethical perspectives in bioethics ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.2 Long-term ethical considerations and global perspectives post-COVID- 19 ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.3 Enhancing ethical practices and education in healthcare ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.4 Attitudes towards risk and the precautionary principle ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.5 Professional ethics and identity in healthcare ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.6 Reproduction and (the lack of) desire ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	Session 5.7 Ethical issues in medical research and technology Room: <i>Chair:</i>		
10.30-10.55	Two meta-ethical postulates of (empirical) bioethics and some reflections on Hume's Law Paolo Corsico	The Longing for Cure in post-Covid Conditions Erik Gustavsson, Sofia Morberg Jämterud	How can we foster competency-oriented ethics teaching and learning in the health professions? Annett Wienmeister, et al.	Risk Attitudes in Bioethical Contexts: Whose Attitudes, Which Risks? Tomasz Żuradzki	A critique of self-care as a physician's ethical obligation Pacifico Eric Eusebio Calderon	The welfare of future children? The unacceptable role of bias and subjective judgement in access to fertility treatment Rebecca Bennett	Payment for participation in research – a defence Gert Helgesson		
11.00-11.25	Reconsidering the Principle of Non-Maleficence in Medical Ethics through the Counterfactual Comparative Account of Harm Hifumi Yoshizawa	Complaints after COVID- 19: knowing the direct cause is important Dieneke Hubbeling	Doctors Should Ask Patients to Reduce their Carbon Footprints Simon Jenkins	Attitudes towards the future clinical application of novel prediction tools for the risk of severe mental disorders Ivars Neiders	Korean Physicians' Collective Action: Challenges to Medical Professionalism and the Social Contract Eun Kyung Choi, Im Kyung Hwang	The interest in becoming a grandparent Daniela Cutas	Differences in the EU regulations for biomedical research on humans and animals: an ethical analysis Katarzyna Żebrowska		
11.30-11.55	Mental (Dis)orders and the Social Construction of Proper Function Milan Ney	The European Health Union in Global Perspective: Solidarity, Justice, and Ethics Christof Mandry	Pandemic and crisis preparedness and response Krisitne Bærøe, Vilhjálmur Árnason	Ethical considerations in preventive pharmacological pro-resilience interventions for stress-related mental disorders Signe Mežinska	Redefining Professional Ethics in Nursing Gila Yakov, et al.	Hikikomori and the Collapse of Desire: Can Technology Counter Social Reclusivity? Joff P. N. Bradley	Incidental findings in metastatic breast cancer care Jasper Debrabander		
12.00-12.25	After Bioethics? Towards translational ethics-of-life Sandonà, Leopoldo		How should one characterize the ethical characteristics of preventive health care? Shandera, Wayne	The precautionary principle: seeking an ethical equilibrium between regulatory measures and advancements in the field of new medicines Anthony Raphael Gatt	The Principle of Empathy from the Perspective of Principlism Sīle,Vija; Satika,Mairita; Sīlis,Vents	OnlyFans and Deep Fake Porn – Can We Accept the Former but Condemn the Latter? Joona Räsänen			
12.30-13.00	CLOSING SESSION ROOM: AUDIENCE HALL								