

**37<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**  
**13 – 16 August 2025**

**Bioethics and philosophy of medicine after COVID**

PROGRAMME (DRAFT 8 MAY)

<b>Wednesday, 13 August</b>	<b>VENUE:</b> UNIVERSITY PLACE BUILDING MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 176 OXFORD RD
16.00-18.00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
18.00-18.15	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> SPEAKERS: ANA BOROVECKI (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH CARE, UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA) – PRESIDENT ESPMH ... ROOM:
18.15-19.45	<b>Plenary session:</b> JACOB STEGENGA (DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK) TITLE: “Assessing Effectiveness” <i>Chair:</i> ROOM:
20.00	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> VENUE:



Thursday 24 August (morning)		VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY	
10.30-12.25	Session 1.7 ROOM:		
	Workshop: Philosophy of medicine – the past, present and future		
	Chair: Søren Holm		
	<p><b>Topic:</b> The book series Philosophy &amp; 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.</p> <p>This interactive workshop will survey the past of philosophy of medicine and discuss its relevance for the future.</p> <p>During the workshop we will thus discuss the following issues:</p>		
	<div><div>1. What are the topics for the future?</div><div>2. What are the preconditions for a sustainable development of philosophy of medicine, and for impact on medical science and practice?</div></div>		
<p><b>Contributions</b></p> <div><div><div>• Bjørn Hofmann (Department of Health Sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway): “...”</div><div>• Fredrik Svenaeus (Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Sweden): “...”</div><div>• Thomas Schramme (Department of Philosophy, University of Liverpool, UK): “...”</div><div>• Søren Holm (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK): “...”</div></div></div>			





Friday, 15 August (afternoon)		VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY					
	Session 4.1 AI: empirical studies and stakeholder perspectives ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.2 Healthcare practices and ethical challenges in patient care during COVID-19 ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.3 Ethical frameworks and roles in pandemic response and research ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.4 Virtue ethics ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.5 Freedom and autonomy ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.6 Weight-loss drugs and obesity management ROOM: Chair:	Session 4.7 Ethical Challenges in healthcare systems and practices Room: Chair:
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	Health Care in Prison: Toward a New Definition of Autonomy? Julie Agnaou	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	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	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	Autonomy, virtue, the doctor-patient relationship, and requests for intensive care treatment for patients with a low chance of survival. Tom Donaldson	Freedom in Residential Dementia Care: A Philosophical Framework for Policymaking Kim Meilin Kulaczewski	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	Ethics as Work Kadri, Simm	Reading Arendt in Israel-Natality and Anti-Natality in the Gaza War Zohar Lederman, Shmuel Lederman		Ethical codes in the pharmaceutical market: do they influence the supply of substandard and falsified medicines in under-resourced contexts? Akalework Mengesha, et al.
16.00-16.30	BREAK						
16.30-17.30	ESPMH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ROOM:						
19.00-23.00	CONFERENCE DINNER VENUE:						

