

# The Dynamics of Medical Transformations: Society, Technology, Knowledge and Ethics

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DRAFT PROGRAMME (7 APRIL 2026)

<p><b>Tuesday 25 August</b></p>	<p>SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS 'WOUDESTEIN'</p>
<p>16.00 -18.00</p>	<p><b>REGISTRATION</b></p>
<p>18.00 - 18.15</p>	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>  <b>SPEAKERS:</b>            ANA BOROVECKI (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH CARE, UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA) – PRESIDENT ESPMH            ...            ...            ROOM:</p>
<p>18.15 - 19.30</p>	<p><b>Plenary session:</b>            TAMAR SHARON (INSTITUTE FOR COMPUTING AND INFORMATION SCIENCE; CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON DIGITALIZATION AND SOCIETY,            RADBOD UNIVERSITY NIJMEGEN, NETHERLANDS)            TITLE: “AI first? Technosolutionism and the digital disruption of healthcare values”  <i>Chair:</i>            ROOM:</p>
<p>19.30</p>	<p><b>WELCOME RECEPTION - VENUE:</b></p>

<b>Wednesday 26 August (morning)</b>	<b>SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS 'WOUDESTEIN'</b>						
09.00-10.00	<b>Plenary session: JUDIT SANDOR (FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, LEGAL STUDIES, AND GENDER STUDIES, EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY BUDAPEST, HUNGARY)</b> TITLE: <b>“Biopolitical and Eugenic Legacies in the Transformation of Reproductive Technologies”</b> Chair:      ROOM:						
10.00-10.30	<b>BREAK</b>						
	<b>Session 1.1 Justice and priority setting in healthcare systems</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.2 Emerging and high-risk biomedical innovation</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.3 Autonomy reconsidered</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.4 Neurotechnology and the ethics of the mind</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.5 Digital health technologies and care relationships</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.6 Professional responsibility and ethical judgment in clinical practice</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 1.7  Special seminar  see below</b>
10.30-10.55	<b>Prioritization of cancer patients for radiotherapy services in low- and middle-income countries</b> Adiam Nega et al.	<b>Patient selection in first- in-human trials of stem cell islet transplantation for type 1 diabetes</b> Lieke van Kempen et al.	<b>Losing control: Why absence of controlling influences should be replaced by absence of alienating influences</b> Pepijn Al	<b>Neurotechnological Interventions: Mental Integrity as Health, Well- being, or Livability</b> Philip Højme	<b>Ethical Complexities and Responsibility Gaps in Oncology Prediction Modelling</b> Laura Hartman et al.	<b>Concrete and Comprehensive: The Dual Nature of Surgeons’ Responsibility in the Operating Room</b> Kari Milch Agledahl	
11.00-11.25	<b>Applying the 5P Framework to Improve Cancer Prevention in European Health Systems</b> Hamideh Frühwein	<b>Therapeutic misconception in precision oncology trials</b> Marcin Waligora et al.	<b>Patients Without Free Will? Ethical Implications for the Future of Bioethics</b> Szilárd Dávid Kovács	<b>Hidden healthcare system of consumer neurotechnologies</b> Kristina Hug	<b>Ethical desirability of technologies for monitoring early life stress: an inventory of arguments</b> Verna Jans, Marianne Boenink	<b>What kind of norm is self- care? Physician wellbeing in the normative architecture of medical professionalism</b> Pacifico Eric Eusebio Calderon	
11.30-11.55	<b>Ethical issues with de- escalating cancer treatment for cost-saving</b> Jilles Smids	<b>Who cannot say no: forced participation in preclinical and phase I clinical trials</b> Katarzyna Żebrowska	<b>On the relationship between patient autonomy and the accuracy of information</b> Jasper Debrabander	<b>Ethics of Post-Mortem Ex- Vivo Whole Brain Perfusion</b> Stephen R. Latham	<b>Implications for care relationships in technology- supported stroke rehabilitation</b> Julie Brechtel	<b>Psychiatric Practitioners’ Ethical Reasoning: A Qualitative Study</b> Simon Jenkins, Elliot Gibbons	
12.00-12.25	<b>Deconstructing the unmet medical need slogan: evaluating the normative force of the concept</b> Jannieke N Simons et al.	<b>Ethical considerations on Xenotransplantation – a Catholic perspective</b> Renzo Pegoraro	<b>Financial Incentives and Athlete Autonomy</b> Byron Hyde	<b>A Science, Technology and Society Approach to the Development of Deep Brain Stimulation for Movement versus Psychiatric Indications</b> Lucy Conover	<b>Is loss of chance a bioethical category?</b> Krzysztof Ślaski	<b>Safer supply is good medicine</b> Arthur Krieger	
12.25-14.00	<b>LUNCH</b> VENUE:						

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**Session 1.7**

ROOM:

**Special Seminar:**

**The ethics of diagnostic and predictive biomarkers**

*Chair: Eline Bunnik*

**Topic:** Diagnostic and prediction biomarkers are rapidly emerging across many fields of medicine. These biomarkers are widely presented as valuable tools for research, for example by enabling targeted recruitment and the identification of early pathological changes. In clinical practice, biomarkers promise earlier diagnosis and (risk) prediction, potentially supporting earlier intervention and more “personalised” treatment.

However, the development and implementation of biomarkers raise important ethical and conceptual questions. Limited accuracy can lead to harm, including overdiagnosis, misclassification, or incorrect predictions of future disease. Even when accurate, early diagnosis and (risk) prediction may cause psychological distress, alter a person’s experience of illness, or increase stigma, particularly when effective treatments are limited.

At a broader level, the ongoing “biomarkerisation” reflects a medical transformation in which biological markers, rather than clinical symptoms, become increasingly central to how disease is understood. Biomarkers may influence not only how disease is diagnosed, but also how it is conceptualised, studied, and, when possible, treated. This shift may support earlier detection but also raises questions about how a growing focus on biomarkers reshapes concepts of health, risk, and disease, and how these changes affect research participants, (future) patients, and medicine and society more broadly.

10.30-12.25

Drawing on our empirical research on biomarker use in neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatry, this session will address questions such as: What value do biomarkers offer for research and healthcare, and which ethical concerns may arise? How do biomarkers transform concepts of disease, and what follows from these shifts? And how can ethicists evaluate and guide their development and implementation? This seminar brings together four short presentations followed by an open discussion to examine what the increasing focus on biomarkers means for research participants, patients, healthcare, and society.

**Contributions**

- Max Rensink (Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands):  
“The role of biomarkers in predicting onset for Huntington’s disease and Spinocerebellar ataxias: an ethical analysis”
- Charlotte Graafland (Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands):  
“Ethical considerations regarding disclosure of onset-predictive biomarker results in genetic frontotemporal dementia (FTD)”
- Signe Mežinska & Ivars Neiders (Institute of Clinical and Preventive Medicine, University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia):  
“Risk prediction for severe mental illness: ethical insights from lived experience”
- Lennart van der Molen (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK):  
“Biomarking the Brain: A comparison of conceptual implications for multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease”

Wednesday 26 August (afternoon)	SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS 'WOUDESTEIN'							
	<b>Session 2.1</b> AI and the transformation of clinical judgment ROOM: Chair:	<b>Session 2.2</b> Scarcity, chronicity, and conflict in global care ROOM: Chair:	<b>Session 2.3</b> Reproduction, responsibility, and future persons ROOM: Chair:	<b>Session 2.4</b> The lived body in the digital age ROOM: Chair:	<b>Session 2.5</b> Navigating uncertainty ROOM: Chair:	<b>Session 2.6</b> Ethics of assisted dying Room: Chair:	<b>Session 2.7</b> Limits of informed consent Room: Chair:	
14.00-14.25	<b>How would the virtuous physician use AI?</b> Jens-Høj Anvik	<b>Honouring Life or Promoting it</b> Margit Sutrop	<b>Population Decline and Threats to Reproductive Agency</b> Connor Leak	<b>Care in Action: Relational Embodied Agency and Narrative Selfhood in Dementia</b> Ya-Ping Lin	<b>From Scientific to Preference-Sensitive Uncertainty</b> Hiroto Ushizawa	<b>Technology and Fidelity</b> Nancy M. P. King	<b>Consent that Keeps Pace</b> Florian Funer	
14.30-14.55	<b>Anticipating transformative AI in healthcare</b> Kristine Bærøe, Torbjørn Gundersen	<b>Towards a Postinfection Ethics</b> Vivienne Matthies-Boon	<b>Does adoption have moral priority over assisted reproductive treatments in choices about having children?</b> Timothy F. Murphy	<b>Dignity and Embodiment in Cystic Fibrosis</b> Alexandra Paré-Tremblay	<b>Epistemic and moral uncertainty in acute hospital at home: trust, safety, and equity</b> Inbal Halevi Hochwald, Gila Yakov	<b>The morality of assisted dying</b> Stephen Richards	<b>From Consent to Well-Being: How Real-Time Stress Monitoring Shapes Researchers' Moral Landscape</b> Mara L. Knoth et al.	Session 2.8
15.00-15.25	<b>Post-Hoc Algorithmic Justification in Medical Practice: A Conceptual Framework</b> Arun Kumar	<b>Exhaustion: Transformation from one symptom to different syndromes with different social valuations</b> Petra Gelhaus	<b>The Non-identity Problem Meets CRISPR: Contradictions and Relevance</b> John R. Quain	<b>The Datafication of the Baby: Embodied and Ethical Perspectives on Digital Baby-Tracking Technologies</b> Māra Grīnfelde	<b>Stakeholder perspectives on the development and use of a gene editing therapy (GET) for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy</b> Isabelle S. Pirson et al.	<b>Liberal notion of autonomy as ethical foundation embedded in Assisted Dying regulations</b> Maciej F. Piwowarski	<b>Autonomy in the Era of Telemedicine: Informed Consent and Shared Decision-Making between Authorization and Authenticity</b> Adam Doležal	Young Scholar Award 2026  see below
15.30-15.55	<b>The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Palliative Care</b> Monica Consolandi	<b>Public Health Ethics and Rare Diseases under Conditions of Scarcity: The Case of Jordan</b> Qosay Al-Balas	<b>Ableist Bias and the Non-Identity Problem: Why Our Intuitions Mislead Us</b> Rebecca Bennett	<b>Vagus nerve stimulation and epilepsy</b> Brenda Bogaert	<b>Prediabetes and uncertainty: How ambiguity becomes a market</b> Lukas Deviletti Skov	<b>New sensitivities towards end-of-life decisions? The case of physician-assisted suicide in Italy</b> Lucia Galvagni	<b>Transformative Experience and the Limits of Informed Consent</b> Hifumi Yoshizawa	
16.00-16.25	<b>Rethinking Informal Caregivers' Role in GenAI-Supported Shared Care Planning at the End of Life</b> Anna Gadignani	<b>Adolescent Motherhood and Gender-based violence in the conflict-impacted regions of Cameroon</b> Claude Ngwayu Nkufesai, Sylvester C. Chima	<b>Rescue Cases: Embryos, Pregnancies, and Puppies</b> Alex Gillham	<b>A Call for Professional Proximity to Bridge the Phenomenological Gap in Prenatal Counseling for Spina Bifida</b> Chagajeg Soloukey et al.	<b>Uncertainty, beneficence, and actionability: clinicians' views shaping iRBD risk disclosure</b> Marko Ćurković et al.		<b>The Significance of Transformative Experiences for patient autonomy. Does it undermine informed consent?</b> Nikolai Münch	
17:30	SOCIAL PROGRAMME							

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**Special seminar 2.8**

ROOM:

**Young Scholar Award Winners 2026**

*Chair: Péter Kakuk*

14.00-15.00

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 €2,000, and the second-place award €1,500 (both intended to support travel and accommodation costs for attending).

This year's awards have been granted to **Zachary Daus** (first award), and **Aaron Gray** (second award).

**Contributions**

- Zachary Daus (PhD Candidate Philosophy, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia):  
"Death, Existentialism and the Personalised Patient Preference Predictor"
- Aaron Gray (PhD Candidate Philosophy, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA):  
"Personhood, Precedent Autonomy, and Stopping Eating and Drinking in Dementia Care"

<b>Thursday 27 August (morning)</b>	<b>SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS ‘WOUDESTEIN’</b>							
09.00-10.00	<b>Plenary session: VINCENT BLOK (ERASMUS SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS)</b> <b>TITLE: “Clashing world-views in the ethics of AI and the need for a multi-level perspective”</b> Chair: ROOM:							
10.00-10.30	<b>BREAK</b>							
	<b>Session 3.1 Research ethics governance</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.2 Positionality, participation, and epistemic authority</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.3 Bodies, identity, and contested interventions</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.4 Medical knowledge</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.5 Emerging biotechnologies and animal research</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.6 Redefining death</b> Room: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.7 Ethical frameworks in clinical practice and policy</b> Room: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 3.8 Temporal perspectives and metaphysical foundations in medicine</b> Room: <i>Chair:</i>
10.30-10.55	<b>De-Medicalizing Research Ethics</b> Maya Peled Raz	<b>Positionality and Perspective</b> Eva Buchholz	<b>Elective paediatric intersex/DSD surgeries in changing legal, moral and societal contexts</b> Christoph Rehmann- Sutter	<b>From Mechanism to Patient: Translational Medicine as a Multi- Level Epistemic Practice</b> Pravajya Pandey	<b>When is something ‘safe’ and ‘effective’? Interpretations of safety and efficacy in global stem cell regulation.</b> Melanie Rietveld et al.	<b>A Good Death or a Useful Death?</b> Pei-Yu Chen	<b>Is Moral Competence Really Declining? Conceptual and Normative Reflections on Medical Education</b> Martin Zielina	<b>Is dualism really outdated?</b> Rolf Ahlzén
11.00-11.25	<b>Do we trust scientists</b> Eugenijus Gefenas, Jūratė Lekstutienė	<b>Beyond Individual Privacy: Medical Confidentiality after War Trauma</b> Shelly Kamin- Friedman	<b>Problematizing the Requirement of a Close Personal Relationship for Directed Living Kidney Donation</b> Jenny Lindberg	<b>Data for Discipline: Addressing Categorization and Epistemic Injustice in Data-Driven Prevention</b> Mira Vegter et al.	<b>Genomic risk stratification and the transformation of cancer screening: epistemological, operational and ethical challenges</b> Julia Tinland	<b>What does the general public need to know about normothermic regional perfusion?</b> Jaden Blazier et al.	<b>Therapeutic and Non- Therapeutic Circumcision of Boys: Bodily Integrity, Parental Authority, and the Consistency of Legal and Ethical Standards</b> Aleksander Wiaderek	<b>Future-oriented chance prioritarianism: survival prospects as the distributive currency</b> Tomasz Żuradzki
11.30-11.55	<b>Rethinking the role of research ethics committees in an era of data driven and technology focused health research</b> Vilma Lukaševičienė	<b>On weight stigma and the continued use of BMI</b> Taryn Knox	<b>Experts’ emerging ethical considerations in relation to the development of biomaterials for bone regeneration</b> Marieke Timmers	<b>Ignorance and Health Inequalities</b> Pauline Flora Paulik	<b>Ethical Arguments of Stakeholders in Animal Research and the Role of the 3Rs in Switzerland</b> Selina Wegmüller	<b>Ambiguity, Interpretation, and Epistemic Responsibility</b> Francesca Alt	<b>Remote monitoring for Parkinson’s disease with wearable sensors: ‘soft’ impacts on users and their daily lives.</b> Marijn van Es et al.	<b>Lifetime and world-time in view of scientific progress in the field of medicine.</b> Urban Wiesing
12.00-12.25	<b>Thresholds of Disagreement</b> Marco Peruzzo et al.	<b>Methods in bioethics</b> Bjørn Hofmann	<b>Making moral twins: Infrastructural shifts, value redistributions and the moral reconstitution of the human body in Dutch medicine, 1930-1960</b> Florian van der Zee, Noortje Jacobs	<b>The Limits of Epistemic Injustice in Healthcare</b> Naja Rathje Lennert, Sabrina Coninx	<b>Animal Experimentation in an Era of Emerging Alternative Biotechnologies</b> Miriam Bentwich	<b>Death, Authenticity and the Use of Digital Duplicates in Palliative Care</b> Zachary Daus	<b>Positive Ethics in Geriatric Home Care: An Ethical Mapping of Family Experiences in the “Return Home” Program</b> GilaYakov et al.	<b>Understanding Sustainable Healthcare as Inheritance Proceedings? The Bioethical Potential of the Concept of ‘Heritage’</b> Niklas Ellerich-Groppe
12.30-14.00	<b>LUNCH</b> VENUE: UNIVERSITY PLACE							

<p><b>Thursday 27 August (afternoon)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS 'WOUDESTEIN'</p>								
	<p><b>Session 4.1</b>  <b>Algorithmic authority and epistemic change in medicine</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.2</b>  <b>Navigating agency and governance in public health surveillance</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.3</b>  <b>Governance of reproduction</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.4</b>  <b>Reconceptualizing health</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.5</b>  <b>Hype, values, and the mechanisms of innovation</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.6</b>  <b>Reproductive futures and genetic interventions</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	<p><b>Session 4.6</b>  <b>Ethical foundations of biomedical research</b>            ROOM:  <i>Chair:</i></p>	
14.00-14.25	<p><b>Subjective States as Measurable Entities?</b>            Eike Buhr</p>	<p><b>Wastewater-Based Surveillance: a tool for One Health or a technological fix?</b>            Alison Thompson</p>	<p><b>Artificial Wombs and the Ethics of Care</b>            Frédérique Drouin</p>	<p><b>Health Is Not the Opposite of Disease</b>            Ing-Tiat Tiunn</p>	<p><b>Immunological Metaphors Meet Pharmaceuticalization</b>            Navid Ravan</p>	<p><b>The Promise and Peril of Precision Medicine</b>            Kathryn Lynn-Muyskens</p>	<p><b>Decolonizing international research ethics?</b>            Hans Jörg Ehni</p>	<p><b>Session 4.8</b>   <b>Special Seminar</b>             see below</p>
14.30-14.55	<p><b>Rethinking Epistemic Authority in AI-Mediated Mental Health Care</b>            Áger Pérez Casanovas</p>	<p><b>Participatory Public Surveillance</b>            Toke Jøns Mulvad</p>	<p><b>Posthumous Sperm Use in Times of War</b>            Sharon Bassan</p>	<p><b>Reinterpreting the WHO's Definition of Health Through a Dual-Layer Framework</b>            Alexandru Milea</p>	<p><b>Integrating ethical considerations into public funding for health RDI</b>            Aiko Gryspeirt</p>	<p><b>CRISPR and The Fantasy of Human Immortality</b>            Susana Reis</p>	<p><b>The legacy of the moral panic view of research ethics development</b>            Péter Kakuk</p>	
15.00-15.25	<p><b>Artificial intelligence in the life sciences</b>            Frank Ursin, Cristian Timmermann</p>	<p><b>Environmental Health Data Ethics</b>            Cristian Timmermann, Frank Ursin</p>	<p><b>Not an illness, but quite dangerous? Ethical and anthropological questions about pregnancy</b>            Diana Aurenque</p>	<p><b>What Counts as Health? An Integrative Functioning–Embodiment Framework</b>            Jolie Zhou</p>	<p><b>If NAMs are better, why aren't we using them?</b>            Vivian Brunsberg, Philip Nickel</p>	<p><b>On terminating pregnancy to protect a woman's mental health and the importance of access to prenatal testing</b>            Maria Boratyńska</p>	<p><b>Distinct Social Epistemological Structures of Clinical and Basic Medical Research</b>            Tatsuyuki Sato</p>	
15.30-15.55	<p><b>Trustworthy AI and narrow-scope models in pharmaceutical research</b>            Philip Nickel</p>	<p><b>From the Immunization Model to an Immune–Care Model</b>            Im Kyung Hwang</p>	<p><b>Implications of the absence of foetal grounds for termination of pregnancy in German law</b>            Christin Hempeler, Esther Braun</p>	<p><b>Reconfiguring the Experience of Health: Self-Tracking Technologies and the Phenomenology of Medicine</b>            Virginie Behar</p>	<p><b>Promises Without Memory? The Protein Corona and the Dynamics of Medical Innovation</b>            Stefan Gaillard</p>	<p><b>"Be fruitful and multiply" but beware of mismatches: ELSI issues in IVF labs in Israel</b>            Shlomit Zuckerman</p>	<p><b>Transformation of clinical trials: bioethical aspect</b>            Maria Nartova</p>	
16.00-16.25	<p><b>The LLM challenge: defining what counts as Medical AI</b>            Yugin Cho</p>	<p><b>Public Health and the People's Bodies: Embodiment and the Requirements of Democracy</b>            Douglas William Hanes</p>	<p><b>Security, the care and the law: Normalization of abortion in Lithuanian digital media (2015-2025)</b>            Evaldas Juozelis et al.</p>	<p><b>Could sexual services count as healthcare?</b>            Joona Räsänen</p>	<p><b>Genomic Technologies: From individual bioethics to dividual bioethics</b>            Nina de Groot</p>	<p><b>'Just perceptions' – heritable polygenic editing, placebo enhancement and metrics of justice</b>            Oliver Feeny</p>	<p><b>Mission qua Sovereign: Hobbesian Drift in Space Ethics and Bioethics</b>            Steven J. Firth</p>	
16.30-16.55	<b>BREAK</b>							
17.00-17.30	<b>ESPMH GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ROOM:</b>							
19.00	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER - VENUE:</b>							

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**Session 4.8**

ROOM:

**Special Seminar:  
Technology, sports and the body**  
*Chair: Ignaas Devisch*

**Topic:** In *Du mußt dein Leben ändern*, Peter Sloterdijk talks about antropotechnique and the idea that people in modern societies are constantly engaged in practices of self-improvement—physical, spiritual, and intellectual.

This idea might be elaborated when thinking about the medical mobilisation of the body. The healthy body is no longer seen as a fact that can be observed but as a normative practice towards what Carl Elliott called 'better than well'. Especially when thinking about the role of technology in medicine and sports, the body seems to be a mere means to break norms, target new records and cross boundaries.

In this special seminar, we want to focus on the appeal of the body in a technological and medical narrative, not only as another illustration of biopolitics, but also in terms of how the lived body is framed as a means to get targets and objectives, and no longer in what Husserl called the difference between *Körper* (physical body) and *Leib* (lived body). The *Leib* as the subjective center of perception and action seems to play only a minor role today while all intentional human acts—thinking, acting, practicing—are grounded in bodily experience.

**Contributions**

- Hanna Van den Bussche (Department of Special Needs Education, Ghent University, Belgium) & Aldo Houterman (Erasmus School of Philosophy, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands):  
“Between records and tears: on optimization and vulnerability in sports”
- Sabine Joanne Wolsink (Department of Systematic Theology and the Study of Religions, Vienna University, Austria):  
“Coming to Our Senses: Trauma and Healing in and through Sports”
- Sandra Meeuwssen (Paris Institute of Health and Sport Sciences, Paris City University, France):  
“How to turn sport’s ethical core into an affective potential?”
- Ignaas Devisch (Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Ghent University, Belgium):  
“Making the impossible, possible?”

10.30-12.25

Friday 28 August (morning)	SANDERS BUILDING, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY, CAMPUS 'WOUDESTEIN'							
09.00-10.00	<b>Plenary session:</b> LARA KEUCK (DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF BIELEFELD, GERMANY; MAX PLANK INSTITUTE FOR HISTORY OF SCIENCE, BERLIN, GERMANY) TITLE: “ <b>Transforming Medical Categories: From Disease Entities to Health Identities</b> ” Chair:    ROOM:							
10.00-10.30	<b>BREAK</b>							
	<b>Session 5.1</b> <b>AI-mediated healthcare systems</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.2</b> <b>Patients, minds, and the ethics of data-driven personhood</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.3</b> <b>Environmental challenges and healthcare</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.4</b> <b>Marginalized knowers in healthcare</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.5</b> <b>Algorithmic medicine and digital transformations</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.6</b> <b>Research integrity and bioethics in practice</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.7</b> <b>Disease, Harm, and Medical Knowledge</b> ROOM: <i>Chair:</i>	<b>Session 5.8</b>  <b>Special Seminar</b>  see below
10.30-10.55	<b>Does trust in medical AI necessarily imply the loss of control?</b> Jojanneke Drogdt	<b>Mental Integrity in the Era of NeuroAI</b> Sarah Bouhouita-Guermech et al.	<b>The Environment and Child Health Outcomes: An Ethics Based Reflection</b> Marisa Galea Vella	<b>Reframing Evidence in Healthcare: Restoring Patients’ Testimonial Authority</b> Noemi Paciscopi	<b>Anticipating Risk: AI-Supported Fall Prevention and Clinical Responsibility</b> Wenke Liedtke, Tobias Fischer	<b>When power meets the credit: leadership-linked authorship patterns and implications for science</b> Vygintas Aliukonis	<b>The Concept of Harm in Medicine</b> Mia Biturajac	
11.00-11.25	<b>AI, Trust, and the Re-Moralisation of Medical Governance</b> Nabila Khwaja	<b>AI-Generated Medical Information, Cognitive Overload, and Trust in Healthcare.</b> Natali Levin	<b>One Health Ethics: Well-disguised Human-centric or Ill-justified Universal?</b> Ming-Jui Yeh	<b>Ageism in Healthcare: Addressing Epistemic Injustice in the Era of Medical Transformation</b> Mariam Nofiss	<b>Prediction Tools for Severe Mental Disorders</b> Ivars Neiders	<b>Publication Ethics among Health Researchers, Institution-Based, Cross-Sectional Study</b> Hana Getachew	<b>Conceptually engineering a model of addiction</b> Mary Jean Walker	
11.30-11.55	<b>The Juridical Status of "Neural Shadows"</b> Theshaya Naidoo	<b>Patients’ access to health information in the age of social media and AI</b> Svenja Wiertz	<b>The Case for Eudynamic Bioethics</b> Luis de Miranda	<b>The underdiagnosis of neurodivergent women and girls: A feminist and a bioethical issue</b> Mathilde Genest	<b>Implications of using Medical Software-as-a-Service (MSaaS) for a patient’s integrity</b> Barbara Krzyżewska	<b>Undue inducement, disparate impact and exploitation in research</b> Joanna Rozynska	<b>Is poverty a disease?</b> Dienneke Hubbeling	
12.00-12.25	<b>Artificial Intelligence and the Moral Reconfiguration of Emergency Medicine</b> Rotem Waitzman, Moshe Abramowitz	<b>From “Silent Mass Disasters” to Responsible Identification</b> Luciana Caenazzo, Renzo Pegoraro	<b>How To Make Healthcare Environmentally Sustainable Without Being Carbon-Centric</b> Cristina Richie	<b>Whose Voice Counts? Epistemic Injustice and the Status of the Minor Patient in Psychiatric Care</b> Michał Kropiwnicki	<b>Preventing Ethically Problematic Manipulation in mhealth: A Practical Ethical Guideline</b> Nicolien Dinklo et al.	<b>Bioethics-in-Proteomics: ethical dimensions of protein research practices</b> Ina Devos	<b>The Role of History and Philosophy of Science in Medicine: Ontology, Epistemology, and Illness</b> Urte Laukaityte	
12.30-12.55	<b>Patients’ Perspectives on AI and Personalised Risk Prediction</b> Georg Lindinger et al.	<b>AI and emerging wicked ethical issues with organ transplantation</b> Leonard Fleck	<b>Aspiration in Professional Codes of Ethics</b> Ana Komparic	<b>How is the Yentl Syndrome Doing in 2026?</b> Antonia Sahn	<b>Digital Transformation in Nursing Care – On Relationships and Responsibility</b> Lena Stange	<b>The experience of a bioethicist in a Molecular Tumor Board: ethical insights</b> Leopoldo Sandonà	<b>Medical diagnosis: limitations and risks of the causal model</b> Norbert Donner-Banzhoff	
13.00-13.30	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b> ROOM:							

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**Session 5.8**

ROOM:

**Special Seminar:**

**Philosophies of Matti Häyry: Consequential Controversies**

*Chair: Tuija Takala*

**Topic:** Professor Matti Häyry has been an influential figure in bioethics since the late 1980s. His early applied writings included contributions on HIV, abortion and euthanasia. In the following decades much of his attention was on the ethics of genetics culminating in his **Rationality and the Genetic Challenge: Making People Better?** (Cambridge University Press, 2010), and recently he has become a leading scholar in the field of antinatalism. On the more theoretical side, his **Liberal Utilitarianism and Applied Ethics** (Routledge, 1994) provided a coherent theory for applied ethics, his conceptual studies on key bioethical concepts such as autonomy, dignity, precaution and solidarity have helped clarify the discussions, and his work on justice (most recently in **Roles of Justice in Bioethics**, Cambridge University Press, 2022) has expanded the scope of bioethical enquiry. This year, professor Häyry celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. To mark the occasion, this session brings together scholars to reflect on a variety of themes in his philosophy. Each participant will give a short account on their chosen topic, but for the most, the session will proceed as a panel discussion and towards the end, there will be time for questions from the audience.

10.30-12.55

**Contributions**

- Gardar Arnason (University of Akureyri, Iceland)
- Rebecca Bennett (University of Manchester, UK)
- Tom Buller (Illinois State University, USA)
- Steven Firth (University of Helsinki, Finland)
- Søren Holm (University of Manchester, UK)
- Rosamond Rhodes (Mount Sinai School of Medicine, USA)
- Kadri Simm (University of Tartu, Estonia)
- Amanda Sukenick (University of Chicago, USA)

**Respondent:** Matti Häyry (Aalto University, Finland)

## Keynote speakers

**“Clashing world-views in the ethics of AI and the need for a multi-level perspective”**



[Vincent Blok](#) is a professor of Philosophy of AI at the Erasmus School of Philosophy, Rotterdam. Blok is interested in the meaning of disruptive technologies for the human condition and its environment and studies these phenomena from a continental philosophical perspective. His research interests include philosophy of technology, environmental philosophy and responsible innovation.

**“AI first? Technosolutionism and the digital disruption of healthcare values”**



[Tamar Sharon](#) is Professor of Philosophy, Digitalization and Society at Radboud University in the Netherlands, where she co-directs the Interdisciplinary Hub for Digitalization and Society (iHub). She researches how digitalization destabilizes core values of healthcare and other public sectors and how best to protect them. Tamar is a member of the European Commission’s European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE) and the Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts and Sciences.

**“Transforming Medical Categories: From Disease Entities to Health Identities”**



[Lara Keuck](#) is a professor for history and philosophy of medicine at Bielefeld University and leads an independent Max Planck Research Group on Practices of Validation in the Biomedical Sciences at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin. Her research focuses on the historical and epistemological question of how knowledge about disease has changed over time.

**“Biopolitical and Eugenic Legacies in the Transformation of Reproductive Technologies”**



[Judit Sandor](#) is a full professor at the Faculty of Political Science, Legal Studies and Gender Studies of the Central European University (CEU), Budapest. Among many other things, she leads the ERC project: Taming the European Leviathan: the Legacy of Post-War Medicine and the Common Good.