# 33rd European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care

**On Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care**

7 – 10 August 2019

## Philosophy and Ethics at the Edge of Medicine

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**Opening Ceremony**

*Speakers:*
- Prof. Reidar Pedersen, Head of Centre for Medical Ethics, Institute of Health & Society, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo
- Prof. Jan Helge Solbak, Head of Research, Centre for Medical Ethics, Institute of Health and Society, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo

**Plenary panel 1:**

*Speaker:* Prof. Lisa Tessman: *“Moral distress at the edge of culpability”*

*Prepared commentary:* Associate Professor Morten Magelssen

*Chair:* Dr. Anne Kari Tolo Heggestad

**Welcome Reception**

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**Plenary panel 2:**

**Speaker:** Prof. Mark Kuzzewski  "Migration, Medicine, and Bioethics: Lessons from the U.S"  
**Prepared commentary:** Prof. Simon Holm  
**Chair:** Dr. Rosemarie Bernabe  
**Room:** A

**LUNCH**

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VENUE:
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Session 1.9
ROOM: A

Special seminar:
New-old ethical perspectives on the development of prenatal testing practices

Chair: Christoph Rehmann-Sutter

Topic: Mainly triggered by non-invasive testing (NIPT) for Trisomies 21, 13 and 18, and also by the prospect of more comprehensive easy prenatal genetic testing, the discussions on ethical issues around prenatal tests and diagnostic practices in different societies have again become very lively in the last few years. New regimes of screening and selection are emerging, formally based on the principle of reproductive autonomy. Where are societies steering to? How is the inclusion of differently abled people in society connected with the moral issues of prenatal testing and selective abortion? What are the pressing societal issues of justice and injustice in relation to prenatal diagnosis? Which are the relevant ethical questions to ask?

This international Special Seminar is linked to an ongoing interdisciplinary comparative study between Germany and Israel. Its aim is to look at NIPT as a potentially disruptive technology in the context of prenatal diagnosis practices. The two countries Israel and Germany are known to take much different approaches to human genetics in general, and prenatal testing in particular. This will both highlight and re-align important categories and issues in reproductive genetics along several lines including:

- Moving health professionals and prospective users from the era of tentative pregnancy and moral pioneering to “non-deterministic counseling” and moral/translational gambling;
- Highlighting the considerable heterogeneity of views of parents of Down Syndrome children pro and con NIPT;
- Globally reducing as well as re-affirming cultural differences.

This opens an international space for empirically informed bioethical discussions also about other countries' prenatal diagnostic and prenatal selection practices. And it is a basis for raising the very fundamental philosophical questions that are implied in them. The special seminar consists of five 15 minutes input talks and an open roundtable where the audience can participate.

Contributions:

- Tamar Nov Klaiman (Ben Gurion University Be’er Sheva, Israel): “Attitudes of Israeli Parents of Children with Down Syndrome towards Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing and the Scope of Prenatal Screening”
- Stefan Reinsch & Christoph Rehmann-Sutter (University of Lübeck, Germany): “Women’s views on the normative dimension of health insurance coverage for NIPT”
- Vardit Ravitsky (Université de Montréal, Canada): “Non-Invasive Prenatal Whole Genome Sequencing: ethical and regulatory implications for post-birth access to information”
- Aviad Raz (Ben Gurion University Be’er Sheva, Israel) & Yael Hashiloni-Dolev (Academic College of Tel-Aviv Yaffo): “Pandora's Pregnancy”. NIPT (as well as chromosomes marker analysis and whole genome sequencing) – A new era for prenatal genetic testing”
- Hannes Foth & Christina Schües (University of Lübeck, Germany): “Prenatal genetic diagnosis and the conditions of childhood”
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Sugarman, Jeremy et al. | Behaviour-based insurance models: a just allocation of resources?  
Kuhn, Eva; Buys, Alena | Epistemic injustice in clinical ethics consultation  
Holm, Søren | On the edge of medicine: virtual companions and the curious case of sexual lethargy  
Firth, Steven James | Medicine 4.0 – Development of a criteria matrix for the ethical assessment of health-related apps  
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Yogi, Henrik; Hofmann, Bjørn; Solbak, Jan Helge | |
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Häyry, Matti | Money for monitoring: the ethical challenges posed by data-sharing with health insurance apps  
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| 16.30-16.55 | The Wives of the Tuskegee Study: An Untold History  
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Liu, Hung-Eu | Participation in Clinical Decision-making Processes: Could a Human Rights-based Approach be helpful?  
Hack, Caroline; Herrler, Christoph | Unraveling the interplay of mental illness and treatment decision making: Implications for clinical ethics  
Rushton, Cynda Hylton; Zwemer, Weare A | mHealth, self-management and empowerment: digital health technologies from a public health perspective  
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Topic: Arguably, the communitarian tradition in ethics provides rich resources for bioethics which have for the most part been yet to be harnessed. This session will draw on communitarian thinkers such as MacIntyre, Walzer and Taylor in order to highlight areas where communitarian perspectives can enrich and expand the bioethical discourse. Such efforts will identify new pertinent topics, as well as pose critical questions to mainstream liberal bioethics. For many physicians, altruistic motivations for entering the profession have eroded, in part because health care as a social structure fails to create space for the type of moral community necessary to reflect on the meaning one might find in the practice of medicine. If medicine is a «practice» in the communitarian sense, what should follow – for professional identity formation in education, and for an account of the virtuous physician and a flourishing profession? Relatedly, a communitarian understanding of the ethos of clinical ethics can help us to identify and address social injustices such as the poor treatment of particular populations such as immigrant patients. Other examples that lend themselves well to illustrating central features of a communitarian approach are priority setting and rationing of care, and the balancing of autonomy and safety in home-based care. Finally, a critical communitarian analysis of modernity and moral philosophy, such as the one found in MacIntyre’s works, can inspire a method of «deconstructive» analysis of normative work in bioethics. Central to this method would be the uncovering of implicit premises and presupposed accounts of practical rationality and the moral life, then showing how such presuppositions are problematic. The contention of the session is that communitarian perspectives can sometimes be much-needed correctives to bioethics performed within hegemonic liberal paradigms. This special session consists of three talks (20 mins each) followed by open discussion where the audience can participate.

Contributions:

- Morten Magelssen (University of Oslo, Norway):
  “MacIntyrean bioethics: Four applications in bioethics of Alasdair MacIntyre’s critical and constructive ethics”
- Mark Kuczewski (Loyola University Chicago, USA):
  “The practice of clinical ethics: Can it address social issues?”
- Michael McCarthy (Loyola University Chicago, USA):
  “Constructing Communities that Foster Physician Formation and Professional Identity”
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Special seminar:
A Kodak moment? The effects of consumer genetics on medicine & society

Organizers: Nordic Committee on Bioethics and the Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board
Chairs: Madeleine Hayenhjelm & Truls Petersen

Topic: In 2017, a direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic test was one of the top 5 best-selling products on Amazon.com during the Black Friday weekend. Genetic tests to learn about ancestry have become particularly popular. While sales are peaking, some unexpected effects of DTC genetic testing are beginning to surface. The biobanks of DTC companies have been accessed by the police on several occasions to solve cold cases. Anonymous sperm and egg donors have been found and contacted by their biological offspring. Children have discovered that their father is not their biological father.

DTC genetic tests also provide information about health. In the US, DTC genetic tests for Alzheimer’s disease, heritable cancers and pharmaco genetics have been available since 2017 despite their controversial analytic and clinical validity. Broad use of such tests may affect the way we, as a society, think about health, disease, and responsibility for health. It may also create new demands on health care systems, clinicians, and patients. The regulations governing DTC genetic tests remain incomplete. In the US, DTC genetic tests were first introduced in the US market in 1996 partly due to a loophole in the legislation. In the EU, the IVD (In Vitro Diagnostics) directive regulates medical tests. However, in most European countries, genetic tests sold online fall outside of the scope of the legislation. In the Nordic countries, the debate on regulation is scarce and leaves many legal, ethical, medical, and philosophical questions unresolved.

This seminar will focus on main ethical questions raised by the use of DTC genetic tests:

- How does the use of DTC genetic tests affect our understanding of health and disease?
- What will the impact of DTC genetic tests be on the boundaries between established medical norms and values such as curiosity and the right to know?
- Are DTC tests a useful supplement to health care systems or an additional strain on already scarce resources?
- How will DTC genetic tests affect relationships between the state, individuals, and the public and the private sector?
- Is it possible and desirable to regulate or ban DTC genetic tests?

The organizers, the Nordic Committee on Bioethics and the Norwegian Biotechnology Advisory Board, collaborate with a well-established network of scholars, practitioners, patient organizations, and politicians.

Contributions:

- Emilia Niemiec (Centre for Research Ethics & Bioethics, Uppsala University, Sweden):
  “New offers of direct-to-consumer genetic testing and new ethical problems”
- Henry Alexander Henrysson (University of Iceland. National Bioethics Committee):
  “DTC GT in a Small and Homogenous Population: The Future of Health Care or a Pandora Box of Insurmountable Societal Challenges?”
- Santa Slokenberga (Centre for Research Ethics & Bioethics, Uppsala University, Sweden):
  “Ascertaining child’s ‘best interests’ through direct-to-consumer genetic testing: what could possibly be wrong with that?”
- Anne-Marie Ax Gerdø (The Danish Council of Ethics):
  “The Danish Council on Ethics recommendations about Genome Testing with focus on Direct to consumer genetic testing”
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Special seminar:
Medical indication & medical practice – philosophy of a neglected concept

Chair: Stephan Sahm

Topic: The notion of medical indication represents a cornerstone of medical practice. It is obvious that any medical indication contains a significant element of evaluation. It is not surprising that this fact is the cause of ethical challenges. In a way the concept entails a hidden agenda: who has the power in medicine? Ideas about appropriate medical acts and interventions may differ: between patients and physicians; between one physician and another. What are the values physicians source from when placing an indication? The concept of medical indication may be seen as an evaluative link between diagnosis and treatment. Where is the place in medical practice to give an account of the evaluative elements included in any indication placed? To place an indication is held to be a prerogative accorded to physicians only. Yet, what are the limits of power physicians are equipped with? Looking into medical practice the hidden tension and conflicts associated with the concept of medical indication come to light. They may be identified easily in many circumstances. E.g. if a decision has to be made to limit medical interventions such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Should physicians follow their clinical judgement, or should they obey patients’ wishes all the times even if outcomes will be disastrous? (“Is there such a thing as “fake resuscitation” or “slow code” interventions)? Similar problems arise for instance in the field of neonatal care. What is the indication to start intensive and lifesaving treatments in premature babies? How is the decision to be made if conflicts arise with parents? It would be easy to continue the row of similar conflicts arising in clinical care. It may be held that there is an obligation of the medical profession to disclose “indication policies”. Surprisingly the concept has never been elaborated despite being a cornerstone of philosophy of medicine. In this seminar the concept of medical indication will be scrutinized from various perspectives:

Contributions:
- Michal Stanak: “Ethic of nudging in neonatal care”
- Ana Boroveck: “Medical indication and the perspective of public health”
- Stephan Sahm: “Medical indication and limiting life sustaining treatments”
- William Stempsey (College of the Holy Cross, MA, USA): “Indication Creep and Covert Values”
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### Plenary panel 5:
**Speaker:** Prof. Bjoern Hofmann  
“Balancing on the edges of medicine: What is the role of ethics and philosophy?”

**Prepared commentary:** Prof. Fredrik Svenaeus  
Chair: Prof. Bert Gordijn  
Room: A

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Chair: Ana Borovec |
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Chair: Julia Inthorn |
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Roger, Julie; Huyer, Rachel |
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Arnason, Gardar |
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Chair: Christoph Rehmann-Satter

### Session 5.8 Special seminar  
(see below)  
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### Closing session  
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**Saturday**  
10 August  
(morning)
Session 5.8  
ROOM A  
Special seminar:  
Professional Health Care Associations Reactions to Legalized Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia  
Chair: Jos Welie

Topic: In all jurisdictions where assisted suicide and/or euthanasia (AS/E) were legalized, the responsibility for these practices was assigned to physicians (and in rare cases other medical professionals). This assignment appears to have happened without significant critical reflection inside the professions involved, and with even less discussion among politicians and the public at large. Concurrent with – and more commonly subsequent to – this process, different professional health care associations have changed their own ethics positions in which involvement by their members in AS/E has been rejected, to positions in which such involvement is tolerated, permitted or even embraced. Not only are these changes generally a departure from a long held prohibitive stance, in some instances the change appears at odds with other core moral commitments of these professions. Examples of such paradoxical departures include suicide prevention professionals not opposing the legalization of assisted suicide; opponents of physician assistance in suicide opposing physician assistance with lethal executions; and some palliative care specialists insisting that AS/E is a form of palliative care contrary to earlier held convictions about the goals of palliative care. The aim of this panel discussion with the audience is to explore the forces that are causing health care associations to abandon their traditional opposition to AS/E and embrace it, even when it appears to undermine other core moral convictions. We propose 4 short 10-15 min. presentations, followed by debate with the audience.

Contributions:  
- Leslie Bennett (The Sage Colleges, Troy NY, USA):  
  “The surprising silence of the American Occupational Therapy Association vis-à-vis the increasing demand for assisted suicide when life has lost meaning”  
- Cynthia R. Hall (Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, USA):  
  “What’s the big difference? The medicalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia vs. the medicalization of the death penalty”  
- Linda Schurton (Creighton University, Omaha NE, USA):  
  “The response of the profession of pharmacy to legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia”  
- Jos Welie (Creighton University, Omaha NE, USA):  
  “The response of the WMA, AMA and other professional medical associations to the medicalization of assisted suicide and euthanasia”