



Bioethical Voices

Newsletter of the International Chair in Bioethics

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Editorial

AFTER 2024 WBD NEW SCENARIOS IN BIOETHICS

Last October 19, WBD 2024, World Bioethics Day was celebrated all over the world. This time it concerned a really challenging topic to be loudly pronounced with great emphasis: **Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization**.

In order to better understand his purpose, flip through the pages of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights of the General Conference of UNESCO, where Article 11 states: "No individual or group shall be discriminated against or stigmatized for any reason". Therefore, any act of discrimination and any process stigmatizing an individual or a group must be banned. Never and nowhere, absolutely without any distinction, in any kind of situation and circumstance, without exception in any possible field. The imperative is categorical: there is no argument or discussion that justifies any discrimination or stigmatization for any reason. In any place in the world.

Thus, certainly represents a remarkable commitment that Bioethics usually associates with another noteworthy programmatic concept that should always enlighten us: people dignity. Indeed, the dignity of each and every human being. No one should consider the other as an instrument for his own goals. And no one should be left behind, marginalized and humiliated for any reason. Regardless of his particular characteristics and even his particular conditions. It is absolutely not "normal" to discriminate or stigmatize. Never. Would be much clear?

If necessary, let's do it right away with an example. Rights and dignity of sick or disabled people, having physical, mental, intellectual or sensorial impairments, are obviously related to non-discrimination and non-stigmatization. Well, even before the WBD, grounded on this topic, last September, immediately after the 2024 Paralympics, UNESCO Paris held the first edition of the congress: "Handi-capacities, sport & work." An opportunity that Professor Rui Nunes, Head of the International Chair of Bioethics, did not want to miss by delegating Dr Alessandra Pentone to represent us. This international cross-disciplinary debate certainly **let us gain a new hope: similar events can enhance a deeper awareness and improve people with disabilities live in terms of accessibility and social inclusion**.

In this monographic newsletter, we collected some of the multiple contributions describing the WBD celebration on October 19, 2024 all over the world. We reported the ones received at our

request on behalf of the International Chair in Bioethics.

As in climate catastrophes – the ongoing ones and the foreseeable ones in the short and medium term - discrimination and stigmatization topics are becoming an everyday problem at least in half of the world. That part where, at least, problems are discussed in order to solve them. That part that strongly believes in the fair distribution of goods, that is, social justice, as a duty, and, consequently, a great challenge. To each one according to his needs. Justice and equality are two fundamental principles of universal human rights. Every time we disregard them, it is a violation of human dignity. October, 19th celebration gives us the chance to lead us to think by a self and collective analysis. A reminder for every human being, to each of us to testify in the coherence between saying and doing. Indeed, a very strong suggestion for those who govern us and are called to legislate and act accordingly. Never at the expense of the long term and of future generations, paving the way for a new society, **where we hopefully will enjoy the fruits of applying the principles we always only discuss about.**

We heartily recommend you to carefully read the following pages! You will see how the various Units were able to express, each in accordance with their individual characteristics, the contents of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights during October, 19th and the following days. Through these contributions, you will discover and appreciate the value of diversity.

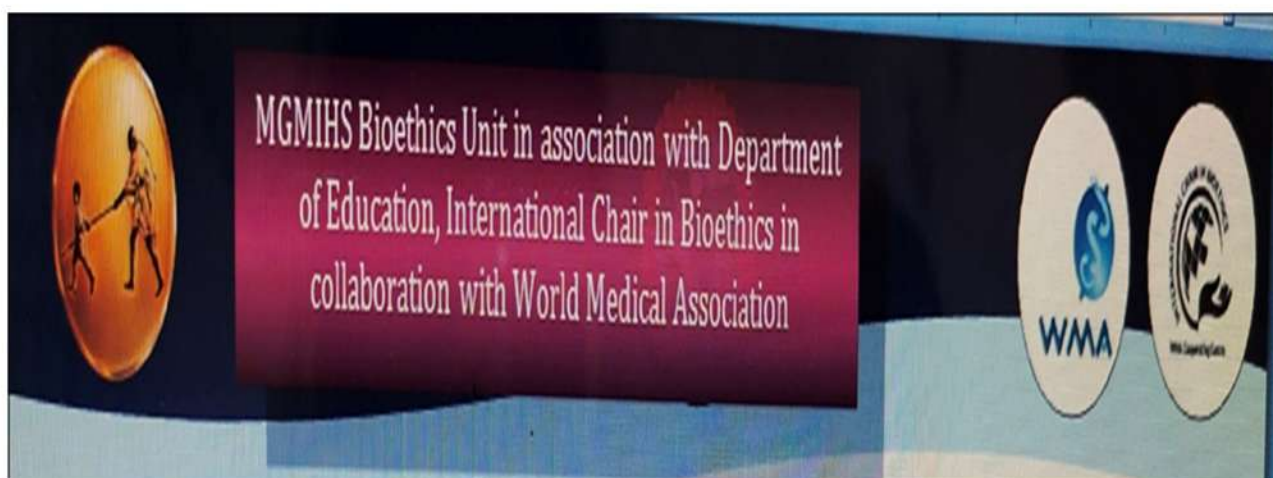
Connecting the various horizons of the multiples Bioethics Units all over the world will soon be the next challenge of the 17th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, during which all of us is looking forward to meet each other again in Ljubljana. The Co-Chairs of the conference, Professor Rui Nunes, Head of the International Chair in Bioethics, and Professor Jadranka B. Ponikvar from the University of Ljubljana, hosting this upcoming global event, offer all the participants an international platform for a fruitful scientific debate on over 60 topics in the fields of bioethics, medical ethics, health law and related areas such as artificial intelligence, One Health, scientific integrity and environmental protection. Therefore, let us be ready to be there, being aware that our Chair in Bioethics is developing in quality as well as in quantity. The number of Units of the International Chair in Bioethics has recently increased, now counting 250 units located in universities, hospitals and other institutions disseminated on five continents. The Chair currently involves about 3,000 volunteers in its units and the International Forum of Teachers (IFT) has nearly 1,500 educators in more than fifty countries. The Chair includes many departments, publishes teaching materials for experts and students and holds local, national and international seminars and conferences, enjoying a fruitful cooperation with the World Medical Association (WMA) and the International Federation of Medical Students Associations (IFMSA).

Wishing you a Happy New Year, in the spirit of optimism and willingness to keep going on! Save the date in your agenda, and don't miss the XVII World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Law in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 24 to 26 November 2025(www.bioethicsljubljana2025.com).

Giacomo Sado, Editorial Board Director

2024 World Bioethics Day reports

MGMIHS ICB UNITBIOETHICS UNIT, NAVI MUMBAI CAMPUS



Report of “Celebration of World Bioethics Day 2024”

The MGMIHS Bioethics unit of Navi- Mumbai Campus celebrated the ‘**World Bioethics Day 2024**’ from 26th to 30th July 2024, as per guidelines given by chair. **The theme for World Bioethics Day 2024 Competition was “Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization”.**

Under the guidance of **Dr. Shashank Dalvi**, Honorable Vice Chancellor, MGMIHS, Navi Mumbai and Head of MGMIHS Bioethics Unit, the ‘World Bioethics Day 2024’ was celebrated by **MGM’s constituent colleges in Navi Mumbai and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campuses.**

Dr. (Mrs.) Mrunal Pimparkar, Secretary cum Nodal officer (MGM Navi Mumbai campus), and **Dr. Gautam Shroff**, Nodal officer, (MGM Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campus) conducted various competitions, events and activities in MGM Navi Mumbai and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campuses, with a view to sensitize the students and faculties about “Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization” which are significant aspects of human interaction and relationships.

A total of 192 students from MGMIHS’s constituent colleges in Navi Mumbai (118 students) and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (74 students) campuses celebrated the ‘World Bioethics Day 2024’.

The “World Bioethics Day 2024” was celebrated by the MGMIHS Bioethics Unit, Navi Mumbai from 26th to 30th July 2024.

The Inauguration program was held on 26th July 2024, from 10 am to 12 pm and was attended by Dr. Shashank Dalvi (Honorable Vice Chancellor, MGMIHS, Navi Mumbai & Head, Bioethics Unit, MGMIHS, Navi Mumbai), Dr. Mrunal Pimparkar (Secretary cum Nodal Officer, Navi Mumbai campus) and Faculties from constituent colleges of MGMIHS, Navi Mumbai campus.

A total of 118 students from constituent colleges of MGMIHS, Navi Mumbai campus namely MGM Medical College, Kamothe, MGM Medical College, Vashi, MGM School of Physiotherapy, MGM New Bombay College of Nursing, MGM School of Biomedical Sciences & MGM Institute’s University Department of Prosthetics & Orthotics, participated in **Poem, Essay, Drawing, Rangoli, Short film and video, Poster, Student Debate and Role play competitions held from 26th to 30th July 2024** and displayed their artistic, critical thinking and writing skills. The topic for competitions was- **“Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization”** which is the theme of World Bioethics Day 2024. **The Valedictory function was held on 30th July 2024.**

DETAILS OF EVENTS AND EXCELLENCE ACHIEVERS:

Sr. No	Date of competition	Name of Event	Total no of Participants	Prize winners
1.	26/7/2024	Poster competition	20	First Prize: Ms. Muskan Shaikh MGM New Bombay College of Nursing, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Ms. Sakshi Rajiv Sinha MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Ms. Lalitasakhi Premprakash Muskur MGM IUD P & O, Navi Mumbai
2.	26/7/2024	Short films and videos competition	3	First Prize: Mr. Yuvraj Jireмали MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Mr. Prathamesh Dhane MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Mr. Rahul Kadav MGM School of Biomedical Sciences, Navi Mumbai
3.	26/7/2024	Essay competition	27	First Prize: Ms. Jamila Bharmal MGM Medical College, Vashi. Second Prize: Ms. Vidhi Shah MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Ms. Namita Shah MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai
4.	26/7/2024	Poem competition	14	First Prize: Mr. Divesh S Jairamdasani MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Ms. Radharani Dalal MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Ms. Elrica Sebastian MGM Medical College, Vashi.

5.	29/7/2024	Rangoli competition	05	First Prize: Ms. Jidnyasa Dhanaji Pawar MGM School of Biomedical Sciences, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Ms. Sijal Narkar MGM School of Biomedical Sciences, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Ms. Sushma Ashok Singh MGM IUD P & O, Navi Mumbai
6.	29/7/2024	Drawing competition	12	First Prize: Ms. Sijal Narkar MGM School of Biomedical Sciences, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Ms. Shreya Rajesh Ghatwal MGM New Bombay College of Nursing, Navi Mumbai Third Prize: Ms. Ameena Abdulmajid Ibji MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai
7.	30/7/2024	Student Debate competition	10	First Prize: Ms. Eva Susan Abraham MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai Second Prize: Ms. Yashvi Shah MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai Two Third Prizes: Third Prize: Mr. Shreshtha Prasad Talvelkar MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai & Mr. Noel George Thomas MGM IUD P & O, Navi Mumbai
8.	30/7/2024	Role Play competition	27 students (4 teams)	First Prize: MGM School of Physiotherapy, Navi Mumbai- Nore Muneeb Abid Ali, Khan Mohd. Naved, Vengurlekar Sakshi Sunil, Nimkar Aditi Rahul, Gayatri WalsePatil, Shreya Kotadiya & Mrudula Shinde Two Second Prizes: MGM Medical College, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai- Shreshtha Prasad Talvelkar, Sakina Chanasmawala, Bipasha Kapoor, Sandipan Sinha Ray, Akmal Dange, Yuvraj Jiremal & MGM New Bombay College of Nursing, Navi Mumbai- Shikha Khawas, Litche Kadu, Bhavika Patil, Shreya, Manasvi Adhav, Merlin Scaria & Manswi Mhatre Third Prize: MGM IUD P & O, Navi Mumbai- Lalitasakhi Muskur, Vipashya Howale, Riya Roy, Tanishka Mhatre, Wajid Mandal, Shraddha Sonawale, Noel George Thomas



Students participating in Drawing competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Rangoli competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Essay competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Poem competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Debate competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Role play competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Dr. Shashank Dalvi, Hon Vice Chancellor, MGMIHS, Dr. Rajesh Goel, Registrar, MGMIHS & Dr. Mrunal Pimparkar, Secretary, MGMIHS Bioethics Unit appreciating the Posters made by the students on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Dr. Shashank Dalvi, Hon Vice Chancellor, MGMIHS, addressing the audience on “Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization” on the eve of “World Bioethics Day- 19th October 2024”



Dr. Mrunal Pimparkar, Secretary, MGMIHS Bioethics Unit addressing the audience about various activities conducted by MGMIHS Bioethics Unit and future plans on the eve of "World Bioethics Day- 19th October 2024"



Dr. Shashank Dalvi, Hon Vice Chancellor, MGMIHS, & Dr. Mrunal Pimparkar, Secretary, MGMIHS Bioethics Unit, felicitating Winners and Participants of Poem, Essay, Drawing, Rangoli, Short film and video, Poster, Debate and Role play competitions on the eve of World Bioethics Day- 19th October 2024

MGMIHS ICB UNIT, CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJI NAGAR CAMPUS

EVENT REPORT

On the occasion of “World Bioethics day 2024” celebration, the student wing of the Bioethics Unit at MGMIHS Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campus organised a number of competitions for undergraduate students.

The inauguration program was attended by **Dr Rajendra Bohra** (Dean, MGM Medical college), **Dr Rajesh Kadam** (Deputy Registrar MGMIHS Aurangabad campus) and **Dr Vaishali Mandhana** (Professor Anatomy). Active participation of about **74 students** was seen from all constituent institutes of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campus, i.e MGM Medical College, MGM School of Physiotherapy and MGM School of Biomedical Sciences.

The events were in alignment with this year's theme “Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization” and students expressed their thoughts and views through Essay writing, artistic posters and videos. Students showcased their enthusiasm and amazing talents of art and literature during these events. Thus the main aim of this celebration in educating students on the importance of principles of bioethics in their respective professions and to understand the students' thought process through their interpretation of this topic was well achieved.

The end of this celebration was marked by the prize distribution program held on 19th October 2024. All prize winners as well as participants were awarded with prizes and certificates respectively for their enthusiastic participation in this event at the hands of **Dr Sanjay** (Principal, MGM School of Biomedical Sciences), **Dr Gautam Shroff** (Nodal officer, MGMIHS Bioethics Unit, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar campus) and **Dr Benazeer Jadvav** (IQAC coordinator).

DETAILS OF EVENTS AND EXCELLENCE ACHIEVERS:

Competition	Total Participants	Winner
1.Essay writing	65	• 1st Prize – Kalpaj A Kasliwal • 2nd Prize – Avni Athelkar • 3rd prize – Harshita Shah
2. Short Film	2 teams	• 1st prize – Sureshini Sawant • 2nd Prize -Sakshi Runwal
3. Poster	7 teams	• 1st prize – Pooja Chaurasia • 2nd Prize – Medha Shrivastav



Students participating in Essay competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Students participating in Rangoli competition on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Participants describing their posters to judges on the eve of “World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations”



Participants presenting Short video on the eve of "World Bioethics Day 2024 celebrations"

On the eve of World Bioethics Day 2024, Students from constituent colleges from MGM Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad campuses participated in the "WBD 2024 International Competitions" in Poem, Short film / video and Artistic poster categories, organized by World Bioethics Day Department, International Chair in Bioethics.



BEYOND BOUNDARIES

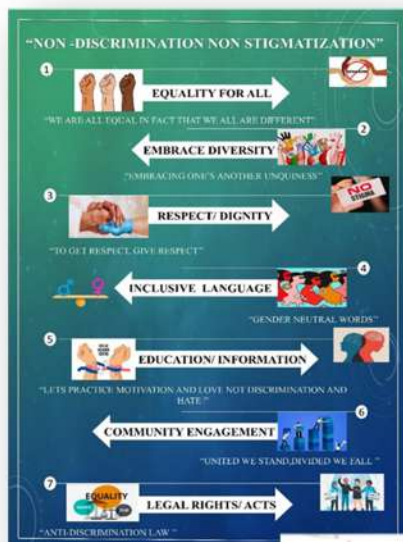
Away From Black & White,
Let's remould the principles right.
Where everyone gets equal respect,
And no heart feels the weight of neglect.

Erase the line of discrimination,
Where acceptance & unity becomes our foundation.
Let's join hands together for a stronger base,
Building a beautiful world, where love has its place.

No matter the colour, creed or race,
Every soul deserves a fair & equal space.
No shade is lesser, no tone is wrong,
Every voice adds beauty to our diverse song.

Stand against the whispers, the pointed stares,
Embrace your strengths & the right to your shares.
For, in the eyes of humanity we all are the same,
A world united, where peace is our aim!

Divyesh S. Jaisramdasani
MGM School of Physiotherapy,
Navi Mumbai



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Jamila Bharmal
Mum medical college, Vashi

A Very Sorry State of Affairs...

"The idea that all for some lives matter more than others is the root of all that is wrong with the world."
- Dr. Paul Farmer

19 year old Anita writhed in agony on the floor of a primary healthcare centre. The unrelenting labour pain lashed her body; each wave of torment stronger than the last as the young life inside her refused to show his head to the world. The eighteen hour long struggle ended with the charwoman pulling him out from between his mother's legs. He did not cry. The very cord that had given it life in the womb was entwined around its neck in a hangman's embrace. The young - would-be mother held her life out on a lithering bed of bare tiles to be united with her strangled son in the afterlife.

This dystopia is a reality in many pockets of our country where tribal or even lower caste women are denied labour ladies and have no alternative except to deliver on the floor. They face verbal or even physical abuse, are deprived of pain medications and deliver unassisted by non-nurses or doctors of higher caste on account of being 'untouchable'. Such obstetric violence is only a tooth in the gear of discrimination in our healthcare machinery. This type of discrimination is not an isolated or temporary phenomena; rather it is time-worn and institutionalized with a multi-generational

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Historically Discrimination and Stigmatization have played a crucial role in marginalising some class of people or even individuals.

Bioethics : an interdisciplinary field combining biology, law, ethics, medicine & philosophy all together have been observed so that these type of problems can be combated.

Non Discrimination:-

In the past people have been discriminated on the basis of their gender, Religion, Caste, Nationality, Disability and their personal characteristics.

This type of bias should be avoided in the healthcare field where each and everyone should be treated equally without their Gender, Religion, Socio economic status, Education and characteristics may be.

There have been instances in the past where people have been declined or rejected treatments due to their Socio economic status or religion and also the place from where they hail from.

Conclusion: The MGMIHS Bioethics unit, Navi Mumbai celebrated the 'World Bioethics Day 2024' from 26th to 30th July 2024, as per guidelines given by International Chair in Bioethics. A total of 192 students from MGMIHS's constituent colleges in Navi Mumbai (118 students) and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (74 students) campuses celebrated the 'World Bioethics Day 2024'. The participating students came up with their views, ideas, creativity, critical thinking on various topics in the form of innovative Poem, Essay, Drawing, Rangoli, Short film and video, Poster, Debate and Role plays and won many prizes. The Judges highly appreciated the talent of participating students and efforts taken by the participants and the Bioethics Unit.

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MAEER MIT PUNE'S MEDICAL CLINIC & BSTR HOSPITAL ICB UNIT



MAEER MIT PUNE'S MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon (D), Pune Maharashtra, India

Name of the institute: MAEER MIT PUNE's MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune, Maharashtra, India

Name of the Unit: MIMER Bioethics Unit

Name of the Unit Head: Dr Sandhya Kulkarni, Principal, MAEER MIT PUNE's MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune.

Date of Establishment of Unit: 04/10/2017

Student's wing of Unit: Yes,

Date of establishment: 04/10/2017

The Ninth World Bioethics Day 2024 was celebrated at MAEER MIT PUNE's MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune on 19th Oct 2024. The theme for this year's celebration was **"Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization"**. Under the able guidance and support of our Executive Director, Dr. Suchitra Nagare and Principal, Dr. Sandhya Kulkarni all the events to be conducted at MAEER MIT PUNE's MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune as a part of the World Bioethics Day celebration were planned and executed.

In the morning session, the Students' Wing, Phase II MBBS students, Akaash Joshi, Chahat Singh, Gomendas Avlyn, Pal Prince and Nirvaan Naveen presented posters and discussed their views on the theme. Nidhi Parikh also recited a poem on the theme of WBD. This program was presided by our Principal Dr. Sandhya Kulkarni.

Glimpses of Student Wing Program





We conducted the afternoon session in collaboration with MAEER's Physiotherapy College. The afternoon session began at 2.00 pm with Dr. Janice Jaison, Professor Pathology welcoming the guests. This was followed by the World Peace Prayer, a practice of our institution to seek the blessings of the Almighty before embarking on a journey of knowledge. The theme for this year's celebration was, "Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization"

Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten, a Padma Shri awardee for his distinguished services in the field of education and literature, a Buddhist scholar and an acclaimed author was the Guest of Honor for the event. Dr Sandhya Kulkarni, our Principal gave the opening remarks for the program highlighting the relevance of the theme of the World Bioethics Day.



Dr. Darpan Maheshgauri, Medical Superintendent Dr. BSTR Hospital introduced the Speaker. This was followed by felicitation of the speaker by Dr. Suchitra Nagare, Executive Director MAEER MIT PUNE's MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, and then the Lamp Lighting.



Geshe Samten spoke of the importance of introspection and focusing on ways to better oneself. Change in the mindset of an individual is the first step towards creation of a society in which people are not discriminated or stigmatized. The winners of the World Bioethics Day competition were also felicitated by the chief guest



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MAEER MIT PUNE'S PHYSIOTHERAPY COLLEGE ICB UNIT



Name of the institute: MAEER MIT PUNE's Physiotherapy College, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune, Maharashtra, India

Name of the Unit: MAEER's Physiotherapy College Bioethics Unit

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We conducted the session in collaboration with MIMER Medical College & Dr. BSTR Hospital, Talegaon Dabhade, Pune. Artistic Poster, Poem and Photography done by students on the theme "Non Discrimination and Non- Stigmatization" were displayed in the premises on 19th Oct 2024 in the morning session.

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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY'24 CELEBRATIONS AT SRIHER

The World Bioethics Day Celebrations for the Year 2024 at Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research was celebrated on 23rd October, 2024 at the University's Dental Auditorium. Every year, this day is celebrated to serve as an imperative platform for disseminating knowledge and fostering discourse surrounding the ethical dimensions of biomedical research and healthcare practices. This year, the event was organized with "**NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-STIGMATIZATION**" as the theme, encapsulating the multifaceted challenges and ethical dilemmas pervading contemporary healthcare and research in our society.

The celebrations commenced with the welcoming of dignitaries from our University as well as the esteemed chief guests, Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora from Sri Aurobindo Medical College and PG Institute, Indore and Dr. Krishna Mohan Surapaneni from Panimalar Medical College Hospital & RI. This was followed by the lighting of the 'Kuthuvillakku' by the chief guests as well as Dr. Uma Sekar, Vice Chancellor, SRIHER (DU).



(Lighting of the Kuthuvillakku)



Inauguration ceremony – Invocation)

The celebrations then officially began with a welcome address, delivered by Dr. P. Ramachandran (Head, SRIHER International Chair in Bioethics; Professor of Eminence, Department of Paediatrics, SRIHER) who welcomed the dignitaries and the students from various faculty across the university.



(Dr. P. Ramachandran – Welcome Address)

The inaugural address was given by Dr. Latha Ravichandran (Chair, SRIHER International Chair in Bioethics; Dean – Education, SRIHER) who eloquently underscored the pertinence of bioethics in shaping responsible medical practices as well as in the field of research.



(Dr. Latha Ravichandran – Inaugural Address)

Dr. Uma Sekar (Vice Chancellor, SRIHER) an eminent member of the University, delivered the keynote address. Her disclosure provided a comprehensive overview of the current ethical landscape in biomedical innovation.



(Dr. Uma Sekar – Key Note Address)

The felicitation of the chief guests was a moment of profound significance, marked by an atmosphere of reverence and gratitude. Dr. Uma Sekar and Dr. Latha Ravichandran, articulating the deep respect held for these luminaries, presented Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora and Dr. Krishna Mohan Surapaneni with a silk shawl, the 'Ponaadai' a symbol of cultural significance, a memento and a certificate, respectively.



(Felicitation of Dr. Praveen Kumar Aurora by Dr. Uma Sekar)



(Felicitation of Dr. Krishna Mohan Surapaneni by Dr. Latha Ravichandran)

Dr. KV. Somasundaram (Professor Eminence and Advisor, SRIHER) took time from his busy schedule to address the gathering and shared his invaluable wisdom and inspired the young future healthcare professionals and researchers about the importance of following the principles of bioethics.



(Dr. KV. Somasundaram)

Mr. Anoop Ranganathan who is currently pursuing his 4th Year MBBS at our University, was awarded a trophy and a certificate by Dr. Uma Sekar and Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora, for being the '**Most Active Member**' in the Bioethics Committee for the year 2023-2024. He also served as the Chairperson of the Students' Unit in the Bioethics Committee during the same time period.



(Mr. Anoop Ranganathan receiving his award from Dr. Uma Sekar and Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora)

Dr. Krishna Mohan Surapaneni (Vice Principal and Head of the Bioethics Committee, Panimalar Medical College Hospital & RI) who also serves as the Representative of a Collaborating Professional Organization, gave a speech, which was a masterful exposition that deftly navigated the intricate landscape of contemporary ethical dilemmas in healthcare and research. With erudition and eloquence, he articulated the paramount importance of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to address the multifaceted challenges posed by rapid advancements in biomedical technology. By interweaving empirical evidence with philosophical discourse, he underscored the necessity of establishing robust ethical frameworks that not only safeguard patient autonomy but also enhance integrity of research practices. Furthermore, he advocated for the integration of diverse perspectives – encompassing not only medical professionals but also ethicists, legal experts and

patient advocates. This interdisciplinary approach is crucial for cultivating comprehensive ethical guidelines that resonate with the complexities of individual patient experiences. His address resonated profoundly with the audience, galvanizing a collective commitment to advancing ethical standards within the field, thereby reinforcing the pivotal role these regulations play in the future of bioethics.



(Dr. Krishna Mohan Surapaneni addressing the gathering)

Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora (Deputy General Secretary, ICB; Head, World Bioethics Day Department; Member, Department of Education; Member, Steering Committee, Palliative Care Department; Professor and Head, Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, Sri Aurobindo Medical College and PG Institute, Indore) addressed the gathering as a Representative of International Chair in Bioethics. The speech delivered by him was an intellectually stimulating discourse that illuminated the pressing ethical quandaries facing the global health landscape. He articulated the profound responsibility of healthcare providers and researchers to navigate the intricate interplay between scientific advancement and moral accountability. Concluding with a clarion call for proactive engagement, the representative inspired the audience to embrace their roles as stewards of ethical integrity, urging a collective commitment to uphold the highest standards of bioethical practice in an increasingly complex world.



(Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora addressing the gathering)

While delivering the Vote of Thanks, Dr. VP. Karthik (Secretary, Bioethics Committee, SRIHER) articulated heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable insights shared by the esteemed speakers, which fostered meaningful discussions on the ethical implications. He also expressed profound gratitude to all the participants for their engagement and contributions. He emphasized the importance of continuing these dialogues beyond today, urging everyone to uphold ethical standards in research and practice. He concluded by thanking the dignitaries, the attendees and the Students' Unit of the committee.



(Dr. VP Karthik – Vote of Thanks)

Dr. Praveen Kumar Arora was again called upon the stage to give a guest lecture on the theme “NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-STIGMATIZATION”. He articulated a compelling narrative underscoring the ethical obligations to uphold dignity and respect for all individuals, irrespective of their background, identity or circumstances. Emphasizing the corrosive effects of prejudice. He explained how discrimination undermines not only the affected individual but also the very fabric of social cohesion. Through a nuanced exploration of historical injustices, Dr. Arora urged the audience to recognize the pervasive nature of stigma and its deleterious impact on public health and social justice. He called for an inclusive approach that champions diversity and fosters empathy, advocating for policies that dismantle systemic barriers and promote equitable treatment. With impassioned rhetoric, the address resonated deeply, inspiring a collective commitment to cultivating an environment that celebrates differences rather than marginalizing them. It underscored the vital role of bioethics in moral decision-making, reinforcing the notion that our shared humanity necessitates a relentless pursuit of justice and understanding. Ultimately, the speech served as a clarion call to action, galvanizing attendees to be proactive agents of change in the ongoing struggle against discrimination and stigmas. In conclusion, this lecture by Dr. Arora, resonated as a vital reminder of our collective responsibility to foster an inclusive society. It challenges us to confront our biases and dismantle the barriers that perpetuate inequality, emphasizing that true progress is rooted in empathy and respect for all individuals.

The Morning session was then concluded by Ms. Mohita A Krishnan (Chairperson, Students' Unit, Bioethics Committee, SRIHER). The attendees dispersed for lunch.



(Students and Professors from various Departments in the University attending the celebrations)

After the break for lunch, the crowd again gathered eagerly for the commencement of the main activities (role-play, debate and quiz) organized and conducted by the Students' Unit of this year's Bioethics Committee. More than 100 participants had participated. The members of the Students' Unit worked tirelessly for over a month in preparing for these activities, designed in such a way, that it engages participants and stimulates thoughtful discussions.

Guided by Ms. G. Shanmathi (Secretary, Students' Unit, Bioethics Committee, SRIHER) The Role Play served to be a compelling and interactive experience designed to immerse the participants and the audience in real-world ethical dilemmas. Dr. Ramya (Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, SRIHER) and Dr. Pandya Kalpa Mukhul (Professor, SRDC, SRIHER) took time from their busy schedule to judge this event. Participants took on diverse roles, representing various stakeholders in bioethical scenarios such as patients, healthcare providers, policy-makers and advocates. Each group navigated specific issues such as end-of-life decisions, access to healthcare, etc. At the end of this session, both the judges praised the knowledge of the participants in the field of bioethics. They urged the audience to learn more about ethical values.



(Pictures of various groups from role-play competition)

Moderated by Mr. Chetan Jain (Student, Department of Physiotherapy) the debate competition was all set to begin. Dr. Srikanth (Department of Pharmacy) and Dr. Rakchana (Department of Biochemistry) joined us to judge this event. This debate on the topic **“Mental Health Services should be integrated into primary healthcare”** was a thought-provoking disclosure that engaged participants in a rigorous exploration of the pressing issues in public health. Advocates for integration argued persuasively that co-locating mental health services within primary care settings would not only enhance accessibility but also normalize mental health discussions, thereby mitigating the stigma often associated with seeking help. They posited that primary healthcare providers, who are frequently the first point of contact for patients, are ideally situated to recognize and address mental health concerns in a holistic manner. Conversely, opponents raised critical concerns regarding adequacy of training for primary health care professionals in managing complex mental health issues. They contended that without appropriate resources and expertise, such integration could lead to suboptimal care for individuals with mental health conditions. Furthermore, the emphasized the need for specialized services that may be compromised in a primary healthcare setting. Throughout the debate, participants employed sophisticated arguments supported by empirical evidence, drawing on case studies from regions where integrated models have been implemented. The discourse illuminated the nature of stigma, discussing how integration could lead to a culture shift in the perception of mental health within communities. The debate underscored the necessity of a nuanced approach to mental health care, balancing accessibility with the imperative for quality, specialized support and fostering an environment conducive to open dialogue and understanding.



(stills from the debate competition)

Guided by quiz masters, Ms. Nivedita Rangarajan, Ms. Aishwarya Sridhar, Ms. Anushka Regil, a 2-round quiz competition started with 14 teams each with 4 participants. The questions were framed to test the participants' knowledge of bioethical principles and contemporary issues. Featuring a diverse range of questions that spanned various topics, the quiz encouraged participants to think critically about ethical dilemmas in healthcare, research and public policy. They competed in a lively atmosphere, fostering camaraderie and collaboration as they worked together to find the correct answer. The quiz not only served as an entertaining challenge but also reinforced key concepts in bioethics, promoting greater awareness and understanding among participants. Ultimately, it was a dynamic conclusion to the day's events, leaving attendees inspired to further explore the complexities of bioethics in their personal and professional lives.



(Stills from Quiz competition)

The day-long celebration concluded with the valedictory ceremony. Dr. Latha Ravichandran, Dr. V.P. Karthik and Dr. A. Manikandan joined us to give away the certificates for the judges who played a pivotal role in making both the preliminary event as well as the main event a grand success





Dr. Latha Ravichandran, Dr. P. Ramachandran and Dr. V.P. Karthik then presented the prize winners of the Preliminary Competition conducted by the Students' Unit. They had conducted competitions for Artistic Poster, Scientific Poster, Photography, Short Film, Poetry and Scientific paper.



(Gold medal in Artistic Poster)



(Gold Medal in Scientific Poster)



(Gold medal in Photography)



(Gold medal in Short Film)



(Gold medal in Poetry)



(Gold medal in Scientific Paper)

Dr. VP. Karthik gave away the medals and certificates to the winners of the main events.





(Stills from the valedictory ceremony – prize distribution for main events)

Dr. P. Ramachandran presented the certificates to the Students' Unit of the Bioethics committee for participating in the committee activities and working tirelessly through the past 4 months.



(Students' Unit of the Bioethics Committee 2024-2025 along with Dr. P. Ramachandra and Dr. VP. Karthik)

The World Bioethics Day'24 successfully came to an end with the completion of the valedictory ceremony. As we move forward, the insights gained from this day will serve as a foundation for ongoing discussions and initiatives aimed at advancing ethical practices in our community.

Students debate was held at Tbilisi Medical Academy to celebrate the International Day of Bioethics.

As part of the event, a resolution was discussed: "This Assembly determines the priority of organ transplant recipients based on their social value (e.g., profession, role in society, etc.)."

The discussion on the resolution was evaluated by a panel of debate judges: Tekla Bakhturidze, Aleksandre Katsadze, Giorgi Dumbadze, Giorgi Barakadze, and Khatia Devadze.

Following the decision of the judges, the best arguments were recognized, and Barbare Maraneli and Aleko Chkhetia's team was declared the winner of the student debate.

How relevant would a resolution be that states: "This Assembly grants priority status to organ transplant recipients based on artificial intelligence-defined societal value (e.g., value to society, research contributions, etc.)"?

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დონისძიების ფარგლებში განიხილა რეზოლუცია: „ეს კრება ორგანოთა გადანერგვის რეციპიენტების პრიორიტეტს განსაზღვრავდა მათი სოციალური ღირებულებიდან გამომდინარე (მაგალითად, პროფესია, როლი საზოგადოებაში და ა.შ.)“.

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REPORT OF WORLD BIOETHICS DAY CELEBRATION – 19 OCTOBER, 2024

World Bioethics Day was celebrated globally on Saturday, October 19, 2024, under the theme “Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization.” This theme draws inspiration from Article 11 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR).

In an increasingly interconnected world, the principles of non-discrimination and non-stigmatization are crucial in fostering human dignity and respect in all interactions, regardless of geographical, cultural, or ethnic differences.

Objectives

- To raise awareness about the importance of non-discrimination in bioethical practices.
- To discuss the impact of stigma on healthcare and societal relationships.

To promote dialogue around human rights and dignity in diverse contexts.

Program Overview

The celebration featured a comprehensive program:

1. Opening Ceremony

- The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Akanksha Bhardwaj ,who highlighted the significance of the theme in today’s globalized society.
- The occasion was graced by the presence of Dean ,Vice dean, Head of departments, staff members and students.
- Dr. Jayanti Humbe, Member secretary, outlined the objectives of the program, and emphasized the importance of non - discrimination in the field of dental education and healthcare.
- Dr. Pradnya Bansode, delivered an impactful keynote on “Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization.” Key points included:
 - ✦ The ethical imperative of respecting diversity.

Non -stigmatization routing in human rights.

2. Guest Lecture

Dr. Archana Ganvir , President, IDA Branch, highlighted the role of professional organizations in promoting ethical dental practice and the importance of “Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization.” in fostering professional development.

2. Panel Discussion

A Panel Discussion was conducted on “Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization”with panellist Dr. M S Indurkar – Dean, GDCH, Aurangabad, Dr. Pradnya Bansode- Professor and Head, Endodontics, Dr. Kishore Mahale – HOD, Professor & Head Prosthodontics, Dr. JS Pagare – Professor & Head, OMDR, Dr. Vathar Jagdishchandra – Professor & Head, PHD, Dr. Kanchan Shah – Professor & Head, Oral Surgery.

3. Various Events

- Dr. Vaishali Nandkhedkar and Dr. Savita Wagh conducted essay and poem writing competition, rangoli competition allowed participants to delve deeper into practical applications of the theme, covering:
 - ✦ Strategies to combat stigma in health communication.
 - ✦ Developing policies that promote non-discrimination.

- ✦ Participants shared experiences and brainstormed solutions to real-world challenges.
- ✦ Several other competitions such as e-poster and paper competitions were also conducted from August 2024 onwards .
- ✦ The winners for essay competition were Dr. Anushree Patil and Dr. Nishi Kumari .
- ✦ For Poem competition , the winners were Dr. Vipra Sharma and Dr. Aishwarya Jadhav.
- ✦ In e-poster and paper competition , Dr. Chandrakala Dhone and Dr. Amruta Madge won respectively.

The winner for Rangoli competition were Team C (Dr.Siddhi Kothari, Dr. Kanika Dang. Dr. Arati More) and Team D (Dr.Aditi Alase, Dr. Megha Kabra, Dr. Sakshi Toke)

4. Keynote Address

○ Dr. Maya Indurkar, Head of unit, emphasized the ongoing responsibility of individuals and organizations to uphold the principles of non-discrimination and respect for human dignity. The programme proceeded to an end by vote of thanks given by Dr. Rashmi Dadmal to all the dignitaries, staff members, postgraduate, undergraduate students and interns for their valuable presence in the event.

Participation

The event attracted numerous participants with their overzealous performance . Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing appreciation for the insightful discussions and practical insights.

Conclusion

The celebration of the Ninth World Bioethics Day was a significant step towards fostering dialogue on non-discrimination and non-stigmatization. By reinforcing the principles of respect for human dignity and rights, we can work towards a more equitable society.

Recommendations

- Future events should consider incorporating more diverse perspectives from various cultural backgrounds.
- Enhance interactive sessions to facilitate deeper engagement among participants.

Acknowledgments

Gratitude is extended to all speakers, participants, and organizing teams who contributed to the success of this event.

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The human person". WBD 2024

"Care and differences. Bioethical reflections around

World Bioethics Day, this October 17th 2024 was celebrated for the second time by holding a seminar, at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Faculty of Medicine "A. Gemelli" in Rome - Cottolengo Hospital in Turin, in collaboration with the European Center for Bioethics and Quality of Life - International Chair in Bioethics-Italian Unit.

This year the seminar "Care and differences. Bioethical reflections around the human person", was organized to celebrate World Bioethics Day under the theme 'Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization', in alignment with Article 11 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

The event aimed to promote a bioethical reflection on the principles of non-discrimination and stigmatisation, with particular reference both to the concept of dignity (now enriched with further declinations precisely by virtue of the emerging bioethical debate) and to the polysemic nature of the term vulnerability.

In fact, the narrative around the human person appears to be characterized by considerable complexity, especially when inserted within healthcare scenarios, as well as those intertwined with medicine, life sciences and technologies, inevitably related to human beings and characterized by constant changes, which they have crossed evolutionary lines of time.

The principles of non-discrimination/equality and stigmatization represent an achievement of modernity and are assumed as a founding value and as the principles themselves to be implemented in many documents of both national and international importance.

Those principles mentioned, which refer both to the concept of dignity in the sense also taken up in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, with intrinsic references to universality, internationality and planning, and to respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity.

The current challenge in the bioethical field is to promote a debate aimed at intercepting the needs and challenges present in the different phases of human existence functional to the avoidance of that process of inequality which could lead, as well as to the erosion of the principle recognized as non-discrimination, to the internalization of negative connotations favoring stigmatization processes.

The aim of the seminar was also to fuel reflections (also on the epistemic front) on the principles of non-discrimination and stigmatisation, emphasizing the finalistic value of the dignity of the human person, considered as non-instrumental of the human being and not accessory to this the last, but foundational reason for equality, not an expression of identity but of the uniqueness and irreplaceability of the human person, linked to the polysemic and abstract nature of the concept of vulnerability.

The seminar was chaired by Lawyer Gian Paolo Zanetta General Director Cottolengo Hospital and by Fr. Carmine Arice Father General of the Little House of Divine Providence, that also spoke with

papers together with: Pr. Patrizia Borsellino Full Professor of Philosophy of Law and Bioethics, University of Milan-Bicocca and previously at the University of Insubria and the University of Milan. Head of Department of Bioethics and Philosophical Approach to Law of the International Chair in Bioethics, President of the Committee for end-of-life ethics (CEF), Pr. Antonio Gioacchino Spagnolo Full Professor of Legal and Insurance Medicine at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart Faculty of Medicine at Gemelli in Rome, Director of the Research Center in Clinical Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Faculty of Medicine at Gemelli site in Rome, and Giuseppina Seppini Adjunct Professor of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, member of the European Center for Bioethics and Quality of Life - International Chair in Bioethics-Italian Unit.

The event was attended by students from the undergraduate and master's degree program in Nursing and many healthcare professionals



II° SEMINARIO GIORNATA MONDIALE DI BIOETICA

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Cura e differenze. Riflessioni bioetiche attorno alla persona umana.

17 ottobre dalle 8:30 alle 13:30

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PROGRAMMA

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Saluto delle Autorità

PRIMA SESSIONE

Moderatore: Avv. Gian Paolo ZANETTA

9:15

La dignità umana fra fondamenti e polisemia

Padre Carmine ARICE

10:00

Vulnerabilità e fragilità dei soggetti umani nella ricerca biomedica

Prof. Antonio Gioacchino SPAGNOLO

10:45

Discussione

11:00

Coffee Break

SECONDA SESSIONE

Moderatore: Padre Carmine ARICE

11:15

Persona umana, identità, diversità e relazioni. Riconfigurare una bioetica della cura?

Dott.ssa Giuseppina SEPPINI

12:00

Tutela del diritto alla salute, non discriminazione e rispetto della persona

Prof.ssa Patrizia BORSELLINO

12:45

Discussione

13:15

Compilazione questionario ECM

13:30

Conclusioni e chiusura lavori

RAZIONALE

La narrazione attorno alla persona umana risulta essere caratterizzata da notevole complessità argomentativa, soprattutto quando inserita all'interno di scenari articolati, così come quelli embricati alla medicina, alle scienze della vita e alle tecnologie, inevitabilmente correlati agli esseri umani e caratterizzati da costanti cambiamenti, che hanno attraversato le linee evolutive del tempo. I principi di non discriminazione/uguaglianza e stigmatizzazione rappresentano una conquista della modernità e, sono assunti come valore fondativo e come principi stessi da realizzare in molti documenti aventi rilievo a carattere sia nazionale sia internazionale. Principi quelli citati, che rimandano sia al concetto di dignità nell'accezione ripresa anche all'interno della Dichiarazione Universale dei Diritti Umani del 1948, con riferimenti intrinseci all'universalità, all'internazionalità e alla progettualità, sia al rispetto della vulnerabilità umana e dell'integrità personale. L'attuale sfida in ambito bioetico, è quella di promuovere un dibattito finalizzato ad intercettare i bisogni e le sfide presenti nelle diverse fasi dell'esistenza umana funzionali all'evitamento di quel processo di disuguaglianza che potrebbe portare, oltre che all'erosione del principio riconosciuto di non discriminazione, all'interiorizzazione di connotazioni negative favorevoli processi di stigmatizzazione. Obiettivo del seminario è quello di alimentare riflessioni (anche sul fronte epistemico), sui principi della non discriminazione e stigmatizzazione, enfatizzando il valore finalistico della dignità della persona umana, considerata in quanto non strumentale dell'essere umano e non accessoria a quest'ultimo, ma fondativa della ragione dell'uguaglianza, non espressione dell'identità bensì dell'unicità e dell'insostituibilità della persona umana, embricata alla natura polisemica e astratta del concetto di vulnerabilità.

OBIETTIVO

L'evento intende promuovere una riflessione bioetica sui principi di non discriminazione e stigmatizzazione, con particolare riferimento sia al concetto di dignità (oggi arricchito di declinazioni ulteriori proprio in forza del dibattito bioetico emergente), sia alla natura polisemica del termine vulnerabilità.

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The issue of active help, given to individuals with incurable diseases and unbearable suffering, to end their lives by following their wishes, has constantly been at the centre of the bioethical and biojuridical debate in the Italian context, as well as in many other countries. However, in Italy, it has received even greater attention after the Constitutional Court's ruling, that declared Article 580 of the criminal code contrary to the Constitution, in the part that qualifies as a crime assisted suicide carried out against the sick, whom 'medicine has snatched from death, without restoring to them sufficient vital functions'.

The Supreme Court urged the legislator to regulate the subject of aid to die with a legislative regulation. ,

Since 2019 to date, such regulation has not yet been implemented. Nevertheless, since September of this year, hearings of experts have been held at the Senate Health Commission, with a view to finalising the text of the law, which Parliament will hopefully have to vote on soon. The following is an excerpt from the Memoir on the Hearing of Prof. Patrizia Borsellino, held in the Senate on 29 October 2024.

"The examination of the bills before the Senate's Joint Committees requires that we first delimit the ideal perimeter within which it is necessary to place today a reflection and discussion that, by unravelling the problematic knots, may be functional to a good legislative discipline on "medically assisted death".

The perimeter is the one marked by the reference to the Constitutional Court's ruling No. 242 of 22 November 2019, the innovativeness and relevance of which can be fully grasped if one understands that the declaration of partial unconstitutionality of Article No. 580 of the Criminal Code contained therein, was based, finding in it a decisive premise, on the awareness of the profound transformations of the scenarios of dying due to the increased capacity of medicine to intervene.

These transformations have consisted in subtracting the event of death from the horizon of 'chance and necessity' in order to subject it to a growing possibility of control, relating not to the 'if' (given that death will remain ineluctable for human beings, as for all living beings), but to the 'when' and the 'how', that is to say the times and ways in which the event will occur. For a long stretch of human history, the space of time separating death from the occurrence of disease, or from the occurrence of accidental events that were its cause, was very short, and this was due to the inability of medicine to offer effective responses to pathological conditions that today we would find hard to consider fatal. In the space of a few decades, specifically since the second half of the twentieth century, the ever-increasing availability of therapeutic strategies and methods, at a more or less high technological rate, has created, at least in the developed areas of the world, the conditions for a prolongation of survival that has nothing 'natural' about it, depending on medical interventions themselves, and has meant that death, as the outcome of a less lengthy 'dying process', has in turn lost its naturalness. It could be argued that death remains the most natural of all events, if by 'natural' we mean an event that affects everyone, that is bound to occur and that connotes human beings to the point of justifying their qualification as 'mortal'. But death is no longer such if we identify the characterising element of naturalness in its indifference to human choices and actions. If we keep the reference to the above-mentioned scenarios of the prolongation of survival, united by the implementation of medical interventions capable of modulating the dying process,

but not of giving it a counter-tendency by removing the causes of pathologies, it is easy to understand how the conditions have been put in place to bring the end of life back into a horizon of possible, indeed inevitable choices, and to make it a privileged sphere for ethics and law. The awareness of the transformations of the scenarios of dying that form the backdrop to the issues raised today by the interventions at the end of life has found effective expression in the passages of Judgment No. 242/2019, in which the Constitutional Court spoke of 'unimaginable situations', at the time when Article No. 580 was introduced into the Criminal Code of 1930. These are the situations experienced by individuals that 'medical science has become capable of snatching from death, without, however, being able to restore to them a sufficiency of vital functions'. In the case of these subjects, the Court recognised that the assistance provided by third parties in order to end their lives cannot be brought within the scope of Article 580, in the name of the need to protect weak and vulnerable individuals underlying the general recognition of the criminal relevance of aiding suicide. Hence the asserted need to take charge, in deference to the values of respect for persons, equality and solidarity, firmly enshrined in the Constitution, of those 'unimaginable situations' (of profound and unbearable suffering), taking further steps on the regulatory level, in the direction of rights and dignity until the end of life, compared to those already achieved with the act No. 219/2017, 'Rules on informed consent and advance treatment provisions'. In other words, the Court urged the legislature not to close its eyes in the face of a wide range of situations of suffering for which the solution, assessed as adequate by the people involved, could not be offered by the paths that law, in particular the act No. 219/2017, and deontology had already made practicable, namely the refusal of treatment, even life-saving treatment, the non-activation and suspension of treatment and the implementation of palliative care, and in particular deep palliative sedation, which represents its last frontier. If placed against this background, the justification of acts of helping people to die certainly does not pass through the denial of the value of the life of those who are incurable and/or in an irretrievably disabling condition. Rather, it passes through the conviction that it is precisely the value to be accorded to life, in its biographical and not only biological dimension, of every human being that requires, going beyond the paralysing dichotomy between the unavailability and the disposability of life, that all paths be pursued to protect the dignity of life, including the humanly painful path of supporting the patient's wish to be helped to die when, in the opinion of the person concerned, there is no other way out of the captivity of a condition that has become unbearable before him."

Patrizia Borsellino

Head of Department of Bioethics and Philosophical Approach to law



Report: Celebration of 2024 World Bioethics Day: 11th of June 2024, Zielona Góra

Introduction: The 2024 World Bioethics Day celebration was a collaborative effort by Institute of Legal Sciences's Bioethics Unit to raise awareness and promote dialogue on the theme of bioethics and artificial intelligence. The event featured academic discussions, interactive workshops, and cultural programs to engage diverse participants, including students, professionals, and the general public.

Theme: "Bioethics and Artificial Intelligence: Addressing Ethical Challenges in Healthcare and Beyond"

Key Activities and Highlights:

Academic Sessions

Keynote Address: Delivered by prof. M. Laszewska-Hellriegel, focusing on the integration of AI in healthcare and the ethical dilemmas it presents, such as data privacy, bias, and equitable access.

Panel Discussion: Experts from various fields debated the implications of AI in decision-making processes in medicine, emphasizing the role of ethics in maintaining human oversight.

Research Presentations: Participants from different Polish Universities (prof. E. Szewczyk, prof. H. Wolska, prof. T. Stanisławski, prof. J. Kuczer) presented their research on topics like AI in administration, predictive analytics, and the use of machine learning in public health.

Interactive Workshops

Ethical Case Studies: Engaged attendees in evaluating AI-driven healthcare scenarios, fostering critical thinking about consent, accountability, and justice.

AI Demonstration: A hands-on session demonstrating the capabilities and limitations of current AI technologies in healthcare applications.

Cultural Programs

A short film screening highlighting ethical dilemmas in AI applications.

A poster competition for students on the theme of bioethics and technology.

Outcomes:

Increased Awareness: Participants expressed a deeper understanding of the ethical concerns surrounding AI in bioethics.

Collaborative Efforts: Connections were established between stakeholders for future pro-

jects and research initiatives.

Recommendations:

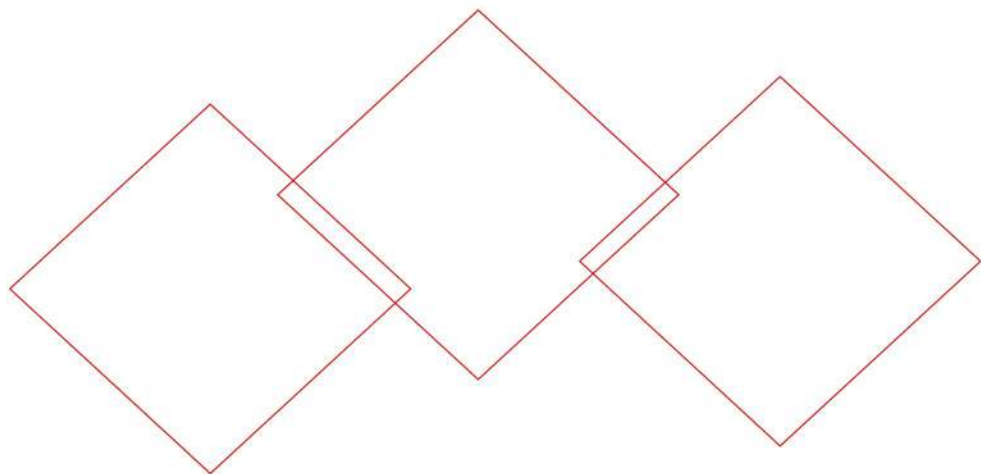
Promote interdisciplinary dialogue between bioethicists, technologists, and healthcare professionals.

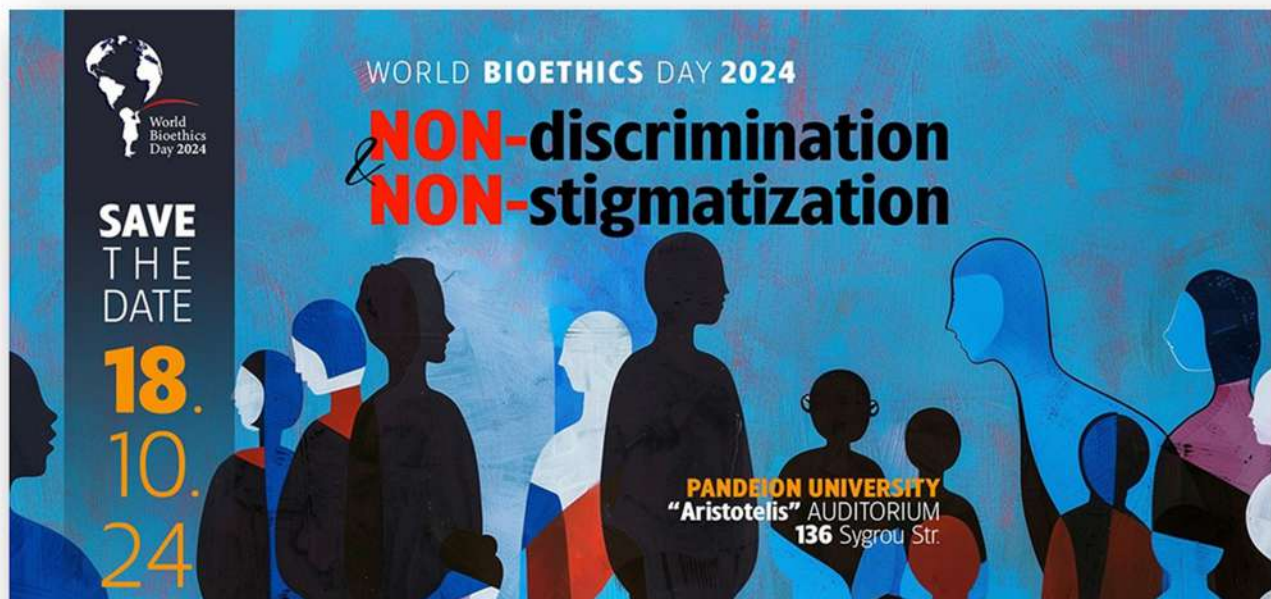
Advocate for policy frameworks ensuring ethical AI deployment in healthcare.

Continue educational initiatives on AI ethics for students and professionals.

Conclusion

The 2024 World Bioethics Day celebration successfully highlighted the critical intersection of bioethics and artificial intelligence. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the event underscored the importance of ethical considerations in harnessing AI for the benefit of society.





This year's theme, "Against Discrimination and Stigmatization," was inspired by Article 11 of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR). Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization are significant aspects of human interaction and relationships. In the current era of globalization, when people are moving across the globe and interacting with people like never before and this being further facilitated by advanced communication technologies, respect for various religions, cultures, ethnicities, social status becomes part of almost daily life for many of us. In this scenario, it becomes increasingly imperative that people should not be discriminated against and stigmatized based on these geographical, cultural, and ethnic or any such other grounds. These principles are underlined by the most basic bioethical principle of respect for human dignity and human rights, which is desired in all human interactions.

The injunction against discrimination and stigmatization is in reference to the resolution of 'ethical issues related to medicine, life sciences and associated technologies as applied to human beings' and allows for the consideration of 'social, legal and environmental dimensions'. It 'provides guidance' to individuals and organizations addressing bioethical issues in the course of their work or responsibilities, either in the context of research and public health measures design and implementation or leads the media to exercise care in contextualizing all the above-mentioned issues.

The celebration was organized in hybrid mode on the 18th of October by the [Greek Unit, International Chair in Bioethics \(WMA Cooperation Center\)](#) and the [NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab](#). Co-organizers are the [National Commission for Bioethics & Technoethics](#), the [European Laboratory of Bioethics, Technoethics and Law](#), the [Biopolitics Research Center](#), the [National Centre](#)

for Scientific Research “Demokritos” and the [Research Laboratory MaGBISE \(Management-Intelligence-Ethics\)](#) Democritus University of Thrace.

It was held at Aristotle amphitheater, Panteion University and was attended by world-renowned scientists from Greece and abroad, who are internationally recognized as leaders in the field of Bioethics and Medical Ethics. Keynote speakers included Julian Savulescu, Professor at the University of Oxford and Director of the Oxford Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics, and Roberto Andorno, Professor at the University of Zurich and member of the UNESCO Expert Group on the Ethics of Neurotechnology.

The symposium was live-streamed on the [NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab You Tube channel](#) and broadcasted by media sponsor [BCI Media BROADCAST CANADIAN & INTERNATIONAL TV NETWORK](#).

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Invitation

Speakers

ROBERTO ANDORNO, University of Zurich
DIMITRIOS DIMITRIOU, Democritus University of Thrace
KONSTANTINOS KARPOUZIS, Panteion University
KONSTANTINOS KORNARAKIS, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
CATHERINE KOSMETATOU, University of Crete
ISMINI KRIARI, Panteion University
FERENIKI PANAGOPOULOU-KOUTNATZI, Panteion University
JULIAN SAVULESCU, University of Oxford
STAVROULA TSINOREMA, University of Crete
MARIA HELEN TSIRONI, University of Crete
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Moderators

MARIA CHORIANOPOULOU, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
ELINA KARAMEZIANI, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
GEORGE KOSTELETOS, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens
PANAGIOTIS PANTAZAKOS, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

Salutations

EVANGELOS PROTOPAPADAKIS, Head, Greek Unit International Chair in Bioethics (WMA Cooperation Center)
MARIA MENG – PAPANTONI, Vice Rector, Panteion University
VANA NICOLAIDOU-KYRIANIDOU, President, School of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
CHARALAMBOS TSEKERIS, Vice Chair National Bioethics and Technoethics Commission
GEORGE NUNESIS, President, National Centre For Scientific Research, Demokritos
DIMITRIS LAMBRELLIS, Director, Research Center of Biopolitics, Panteion University
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Program

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REPRESENTATIVE, Ministry of Health (to be confirmed)
REPRESENTATIVE, Ministry of Education (to be confirmed)

10:15 – 12:00 (UTC+3)

1st Session

MODERATORS: Dr. GEORGE KOSTELETOS, Dr. ELINA KARAMATZIANI

Speakers

Prof. JULIAN SAVULESCU, University of Oxford, Director of the Oxford Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics
"Ethics of Polygenic risk scores for reproduction"
Prof. ROBERTO ANDORNO, University of Zurich, UNESCO Expert Group on the Ethics of Neurotechnology
"How to prevent neurodiscrimination in the workplace?"
Prof. STAVROULA TSINOREMA, School of Philosophy, Director of the JGP 'Bioethics', University of Crete, National Bioethics and Technoethics Commission
"Non-discrimination, non-marginalisation. From principles to practice in Bioethics"
Prof. ISMINI KRIARI, President of the National Authority on Medically Assisted Procreation, Former Rector of Panteion University
"Regulation of special health issues with regard to stigmatization and discrimination"

12:00 – 12:30 (UTC+3)

Break

12:30 – 14:00 (UTC+3)

2nd Session

MODERATORS: Prof. PANAGIOTIS PANTAZAKOS, Prof. MARIA CHORIANOPOULOU

Speakers

Prof. FERENIKI PANAGOPOULOU-KOUTNATZI, Head of The European Laboratory of Bioethics, Technoethics and Law, Panteion University
"The role of artificial intelligence in increasing and eliminating discrimination"
Prof. DIMITRIOS DIMITRIOU, Director MaGBISE Laboratory, Democritus University of Thrace
"Key challenges and bioethical dilemmas for managing enterprises and organisations"
Prof. KARPOUZIS KONSTANTINOS, Dept of Communication, Media and Culture, Panteion University
"AI in education: lessons learned from ancient Greek philosophy"
CHRYSOULA VASSILIADI, MARIA HELEN TSIRONI, CATHERINE KOSMETATOU, The Neuroteam Project, University of Crete
"Examining Gender Bias in Neurological Research"
Prof. KONSTANTINOS KORNARAKIS, Tzafra Dept of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
"Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization: Human Dignity and Pragmatism in the age of Geneticization. A Theological Perspective"

14:00 – 14:30 (UTC+3)

Closing remarks

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ABSTRACTS

“Ethics of Polygenic risk scores for reproduction”

The speech explored the ethical implications of using polygenic risk scores for reproduction. His speech, titled “The Ethics of Polygenic Risk Scores for Reproduction,” examined the potential for selecting embryos based on their likelihood of being healthier, having a higher potential for well-being, and exhibiting moral behaviour. He also presented new data on public acceptability and proposed a harm-based model for law reform regarding genetic selection.

Prof JULIAN SAVULESCU, National University of Singapore

“How to prevent neurodiscrimination in the workplace?”

The presentation discussed the growing use of neurotechnological advancements by employers to monitor employee performance and concentration. He addressed two major ethical and legal concerns: the intrusion into workers' mental privacy and the potential for neurodiscrimination. Andorno highlighted two relevant legal principles: proportionality and subsidiarity.

Prof ROBERTO ANDORNO, University of Zurich

PHOTOS



Panteion University, among the three oldest universities of political sciences in Europe – Congress venue



Panteion University, Aristotelis auditorium – Congress venue



Keynote speakers with NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab organizers



Prof Julian Savulescu



Prof Roberto Andorno



Acropolis and Parthenon site tour

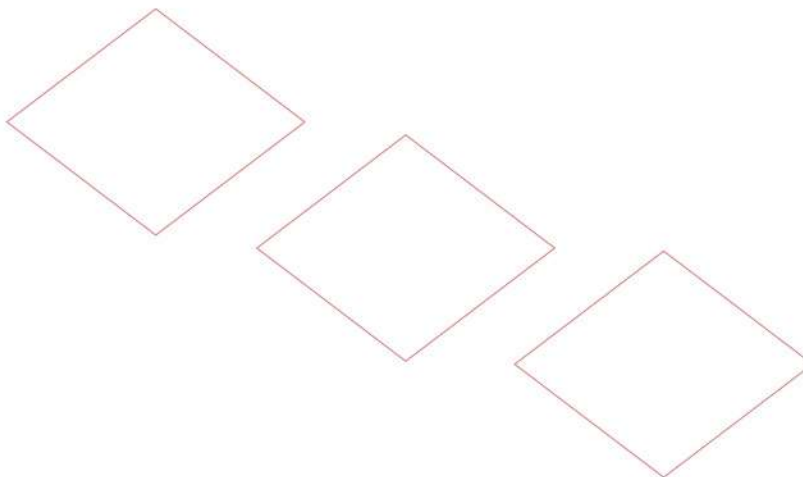
PARTICIPATIONS & VIEWERSHIPS

One hundred and fifty in person participants and more than one thousand online by the NKUA Applied Philosophy Research Lab YouTube channel.

TV coverage and live reporting through numerous TV channels (TV Open, Alpha TV, ANT1 TV, Action 24)

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F.I.A.M.C. BIOMEDICAL ETHICS ICB UNIT MUMBAI INDIA

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Programme Plan

The F.I.A.M.C. Bio-Medical Ethics Centre Mumbai India organized the World Bioethics Day as announced by the The International Chair in Bioethics, WMA Cooperating Centre, Porto Webinar on Non-discrimination and Non-stigmatization was planned on Saturday 19th October 2023

The speaker for the webinar

Dr. Princy Louis Palatty - Pharmacologist, Researcher
Medical Educationist and Bioethicist

Dr. K. Gireesh -Neurophysician and Neurosurgeon

The 2 topics for the webinar were

Non- Discrimination

Non – Stigmatization

Dr. Anu Kant Mital (Academic Dean FBMEC) is the organizer of the Wrold Bioethics day programme for the Centre

Dr. Nicholas A Antao (Managing Trustee and Executive Director FBMEC) co-ordinator for the programme

Dr. Giselle Paes (Treasurer)and Dr. Sheryl Senthinathan (Trustee)
WBD competition incharge

Dr. Giselle Paes (Treasurer)and Dr. Sheryl Senthinathan (Trustee)
& Rev. Fr. Matthew Coutinho sdb judges for the competition

The alumni of the course, professionals , lay people, course students,
social workers and students of College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan joined the webinar on zoom

**WEBINAR**
Saturday 19 OCT, 2024
TIME 7.45 PM



F.I.A.M.C. BIOMEDICAL ETHICS CENTRE

SPEAKERS
Topic
Non- discrimination
**DR. PRINCY PALATTY**
HEAD OF DEPT. OF
PHARMACOLOGY & HEAD
SOUTH INDIAN UNIT UNESCO
CHAIR IN BIOETHICS (HAIFA).

Topic
Non- stigmatization
**DR. K. GIREESH**
NEUROPHYSICIAN AND
NEUROSURGEON

**NON-DISCRIMINATION
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WBD WEBINAR INFORMATION

Non Discrimination- Dr. Princy Louis Pallaty



The session on Non-Discrimination by Dr. Princy Louis Pallaty delved on the terminology, the different types of discrimination the cause, remedy and building an equal society . The anti-discrimination law 19 different laws prevalent to end discrimination form 1886-1964, Article 15 , Right to Equality Article 14-18 was discussed in depth.

FEW MOMENTS CAPTURED ON ZOOM



The session on Non- stigmatization was conducted by Dr. K Gireesh. The terminology of stigma, difference between stigma and discrimination and the types of stigma was explained. The multiple measures taken by the government to reduce stigma and discrimination and the initiatives taken have made significant progress in dispelling myths, improving the legal standing of affected individuals and fostering a more inclusive society

FEW MOMENTS CAPTURED ON ZOOM



Dr PRINCY LOUIS PALATTY

- Currently, she is the Head of Department of Pharmacology and Co-ordinator of RTC & ADR Monitoring Center.
- The Head, South India unit, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics (HAIFA), National Chair Curriculum, Indian Program
- She has graduated (MBBS) and pursued Post-graduation (MD Pharmacology) from Goa medical college. She has worked 5 years at Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram and 16 years at Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore
- She is Pharmacologist, Researcher Medical Educationist and bioethicist.
- Over 180 publications in internal index journals .
- 3 Published books
- 21 text book chapters in internationally
- Editors./ reviewer in international journals
- 8 Ph.D Scoloers presently under
- Received grants for research projectR
- Reviewer/ Member Editorial board of various journals
- 6 Ph.D scholars under her at the given time
- Examiner/ Paper setter/ Custodian /Superintendent of examinations
- I am guiding 6 Ph.D scholars and four MD students and 3 MSC students.



NON STIGMATISATION

Dr.K.Gireesh

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WORLD BIOETHICS DAY COMPETITION

The World Bioethics Day competition was announced for the alumni of the Healthcare Ethics Course of the F.I.A.M.C Biomedical Ethics Centre. The students enthusiastically participated in the categories of poems, photography and scientific research paper.



COMPETITION INCHARGE & JUDGES

Dr. Sheryl J



Dr. Giselle Paes



REV. FR. MATTHEW COUTINHO



Dr. Sunila Nagvekar - Batch 2024-25



"SHAME OF THE LABELS"

"Don't cry like a girl", "Don't wrestle like a boy."

Wasn't Eve created from Adam to stay together in joy?

Then why does a boy have to be bold & a girl always coy?

Is he a genius or is he special, or even worse, plain average?

In today's world, each label comes with its own baggage,

Can't we for once, let each child find his own unique mileage?

Dumb jocks, plastic posers, dorks & nerds,

But doesn't everyone need to be heard?

Then why does everyone behave so weird?

Why is there body shaming by labelling fat & thin?

Do they know how the fat now see food as a sin?

Do they know how the thin always wear paddin'?

How are they 'untouchables', forever to be doomed?

Is basic human touch & acceptance always to be denied?

Just coz they were born in a different caste, totally unasked?

Whether a Hijab, Kadda, Crucifix or Sindoor,

What about this makes man a boor?

Hindu Muslim Sikh Jadhvi, aren't all 'Bhai-Bhai'?

When did black & white stop being mere colours?

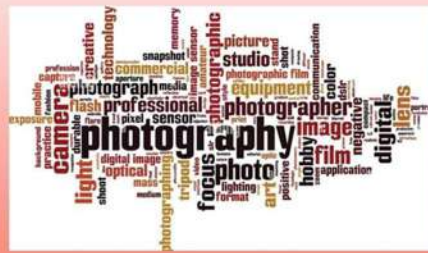
But became a way to describe different persons?

How did white become kings & black the paupers? |

If all were white or all were black, if all were ugly or all just pretty,

If all were smart or all were dumb, if all were hour-glasses or all just hunks,

Would we have called the seven different colours of the rainbow, "Oh wow!"



Laveena Fernandes – Alumni Batch 2020-21



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Disability is not a barrier discrimination is





Martin Fernandes – Alumni Batch 2024-24



NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-STIGMATIZATION: A STUDY INSPIRED BY ARTICLE 11 OF UNESCO UDBHR

Non-Discrimination and Non-Stigmatization: A Study Inspired by Article 11 of UNESCO UDBHR

Abstract

This research paper explores the principles of non-discrimination and non-stigmatization, inspired by Article 11 of UNESCO's Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (UDBHR). As globalization accelerates interactions across diverse cultures and societies, understanding the impact of these principles on human dignity and human rights becomes increasingly vital. This study examines historical contexts, current challenges, the role of technology, and public opinions to provide a comprehensive overview of how non-discrimination and non-stigmatization are upheld in the modern world.

Introduction

Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization are fundamental ethical principles essential for promoting human dignity and rights. Article 11 of the UNESCO UDBHR emphasizes respect for human rights and the need to prevent discrimination based on cultural, ethnic, or social differences. This paper investigates these concepts in the context of today's globalized society, where interactions across borders and cultures are more prevalent than ever.

Historical and Social Context

Historical Perspectives

Historically, discrimination and stigmatization have been pervasive issues. Examples include:

- Colonialism: Nair (2006) examines the impact of colonialism on indigenous populations in India. The reference discusses how colonial rule led to exploitation and marginalization, contributing to long-term social inequalities.
- The Civil Rights Movement: Garrow (1986) provides a comprehensive overview of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, highlighting efforts to combat racial segregation and promote equality. This movement was crucial in addressing racial discrimination and advancing civil rights.

Recent Developments

In recent decades, movements such as:

- The LGBTQ+ Rights Movement: D'Emilio (1983) explores the history and impact of the LGBTQ+ rights movement, focusing on how activists have fought for equal rights and against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.
- The MeToo Movement: Villarosa (2018) discusses the MeToo movement, which has raised awareness about gender-based violence and harassment, advocating for victims' rights and challenging systemic sexism.

These movements highlight progress and ongoing challenges in addressing discrimination and stigmatization.



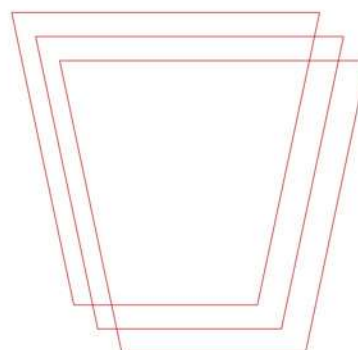
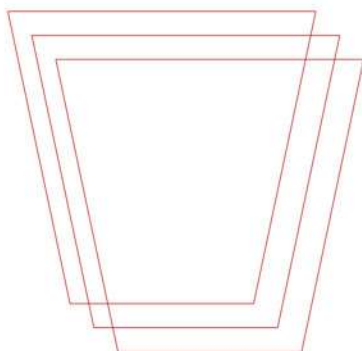
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Academic Dean FBMEC



Dr. Nicholas A Antao
Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Holy Spirit
Hospital and Executive Director & Managing
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Many Thanks and Deep Gratitude to Dr. Anu
Kant Mital – Academic Dean for organizing the World Bioethics day every year and
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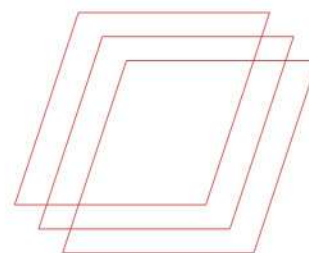
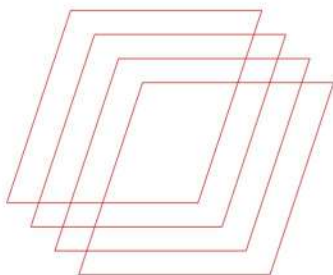


Elena Toader - Overcoming the Stigma of Vulnerability

Mihaela Vicol, Elena Toader - Discrimination based on ethnicity, culture and religion

Daniele Damir, Elena Toader - Cultural factors associated with stigma during pandemics

STUDENT DEBATE: Evening clinic with the students - presentation homework and guidelines for good clinical practice Panel debate – Corina Turcu (PhD student), Sîrbu Mihaela (PhD student), Alexandra Marcu (student)





The I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy Unit group of the International Chair of Bioethics, WMA Cooperation Center

Report on WBD 2024



The I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy Unit group in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, the I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy Department of Public Health and Healthcare, Osh State University Department of Public Health and Healthcare and the Department of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Public Health and Healthcare of the International Faculty of Medicine celebrated the 9th World Bioethics Day organizing and conducting the International Symposium on the topic: "Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization".

The International Symposium was held simultaneously at two major universities in Kyrgyzstan, I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy located in the country's two capitals, Osh State University, located in the northern capital, Bishkek, and the southern capital, Osh. The I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy also celebrated its 85th anniversary.

Date: October 19, 2024

Venue: Hall 101, Faculty of Medicine, Osh State University

1. Unit group of the International Department of Bioethics, Cooperation Center of the Military Medical Academy

Number of participants: Academic staff: 56. Students: 220. Professionals: 36

Format: Hybrid

The purpose of the symposium: is to discuss the principles of non-discrimination and non-stigmatization in the context of such social processes as globalization, migration, digitalization, and interactions of people of different cultures, nationalities, and social statuses. To form a bioethical worldview in students, which is the basis of the moral positions of health workers and to affirm the need to respect human dignity, human rights, and fundamental freedoms in the Kyrgyz Republic as the basis of a harmonious and just society, inspired by Article 11 of the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights.

The objectives of the symposium were:

1. To analyze and reflect on current challenges in students' works: modern problems of discrimination and stigmatization in the context of globalization, migration, and intercultural communication.

2. To raise awareness: to draw attention to the importance of the principles of non-discrimination and non-stigmatization as fundamental elements of respect for human dignity and human rights and, in a historical context, to reflect and evaluate in students' works examples of criminal discrimination and stigmatization in human history.

3. To study practical approaches and methods with stakeholders (stakeholders, media representatives, public figures) in the search for ways to prevent discrimination and stigmatization.

4. To stimulate scientific research: to identify priority areas of research related to bioethics, human rights, and respect for diversity for further study and development of new approaches.

An exhibition of student works on World Bioethics Day was organized.

The main part of the symposium featured speeches by the heads of all universities, guests, and keynote speakers, while in the second part, certain aspects of the topic were considered in sectional works.

1. Welcoming speech by the Rector of the I.K. Akhunbaev KSMA: MD, Professor Kudaibergenova I.O.

2. Welcoming speech by the Vice-Rector for Science of Osh State University: PhD, Associate Professor Arapbaev R.N.

3. Welcoming speech by the Head of the Department of Public Health of the Medical Faculty of Osh State University: MD, Associate Professor Muydinov F.F.

4. Welcoming speech from the Andijan State Medical Institute delegation, Uzbekistan: MD, PhD. Madakhanov A. S.

5. Welcome speech by the Chief Physician of the Osh Regional Center for Disease Prevention and Sanitary Control: Abyshev Zhumali Musakeevich;

6. Opening speech by the Head of the Department of Public Health and Healthcare and the Unit Group of the International Chair of Bioethics at the I.K. Akhunbaev KSMA: MD, Professor Aidarov Z.A.

7. Keynote speech by PhD, Master of Science in Bioethics (MSc), Associate Professor of the Department of Public Health and Healthcare, laureate of the Fogarty International Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service, Chairman of the Bioethics Committee of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic Kudaibergenova T.A. Topic: The principle of non-discrimination and stigmatization in bioethics

8. Oral presentation by PhD, Associate Professor of the Department of Public Health of the Medical Faculty of Osh State University Seydalieva M.K. Topic: Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization in the healthcare system as a basis for a just society and effective medical care (in Kyrgyz); (online);

9. Oral presentation by a 5th-year student of the Faculty of Pediatrics of the KSMA named after I.K. Akhunbaev Suyunbek uulu N. Topic: Problems of discrimination and stigmatization towards people living with HIV;

10. Oral presentation by the senior lecturer of the Department of Civil Law of the Law Institute of the KNU named after Zh. Balasagyn Sydykbekova Ch.S. Topic: Normative-legal regulation of medical activities in the Kyrgyz Republic: analysis, problems and prospects;

11. Oral presentation on the topic "Non-discrimination and non-stigmatization in public health" by the Director of the Public Health Program of the Institute of Public Health and Clinical Nutrition of the Medical School of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio, Finland, Professor Jussi Kauhanen.

12. Oral presentation by PhD, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Social Hygiene and Healthcare Management of the Andijan State Medical Institute (Uzbekistan) Madakhanov Akbarzhan Sabirzhanovich. Topic: "Fundamentals of Forming a Healthy Lifestyle";

13. Oral presentation by the trainer/coach of the Author's Program on Human Studies and Peacebuilding, translator, public figure (civil service, international relations). Kadyrbaeva Anara Tursunbaevna. Topic: Public education and awareness of the principles of bioethics as a factor in non-discrimination and non-stigmatization

14. Oral presentation by the Head of the Department of Journalism of Osh State University, PhD, Associate Professor Abdieva Chynara Ilyasovna. Topic: Journalism and the development of bioethics (Kyrgyzstan)

15. Oral presentation by the International Medical Faculty of Osh State University, student of the 1-23 group Khamidova Sarvinoz Nematillaevna. Topic: Problems of stigma and discrimination in the healthcare system, and their impact on the economic development of the Kyrgyz Republic

At the final stage of the symposium, a discussion was held during which the participants exchanged views on the main issues. The participants noted the need for further cooperation and offered several recommendations that could ensure fair and accessible health services and medical education in Kyrgyzstan:

- An effective solution to the problem of discrimination and stigmatization requires not only the efforts of the health care system but also a joint solution with other sectors - education, social protection, justice, mass media;

- the fact that there is no base for teaching Kyrgyz-speaking students in their native language is one of the biggest obstacles in the training of high-quality specialists since more than 60% of students come from remote areas of Kyrgyzstan and more than 80% of the population; Kyrgyz-speaking. Combine all efforts to develop translation in the field of medicine;

- popularization of the biocentric worldview, humanization, and value approach in medicine, which is embedded in the national consciousness, in the biocentric worldview of Ch. Aitmatov.

Also, as part of the celebration, a meeting and guest lectures of representatives of the Andijan State Medical Institute with students of the medical faculty were organized:

1. Guest lecture by the senior lecturer of the Department of Social Hygiene and Health Protection of the Andijan State Medical Institute: Sapiokhunova Khilola Muminovna. Lecture topic: "Insurance medicine in the health care system"

2. Guest lecture by the senior lecturer of the Department of Social Hygiene and Health Protection of the Andijan State Medical Institute: Khasanova Shoirakhon Abdujabborovna. Lecture topic: "Onalar-bolalarga tibbiy xizmatni tashkil etish mavzusi"

The management, guests, and other participants positively assessed the organization of the symposium, noted the relevance of the topics, the activity of students and teachers, the high level of interaction, etc. The symposium successfully achieved its goals and demonstrated high interest in the topics discussed.

Head of the Department of Public Health and Healthcare and the Unit Group of the International Chair of Bioethics at the I.K. Akhunbaev KSMA, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Z.A. Aidarov summed up the results and awarded the participants of the student thematic competitions with certificates.

Media sites of the event:

I.K. Akhunbaev Kyrgyz State Medical Academy

<https://www.kgma.kg/ru/media/news/science/simpozium-posvyashchennyy-vsemirnomu-dnyu-bioetiki>

Osh State University

<https://www.oshsu.kg/kg/news/2797>

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Bioethics & Different Abilities

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Dear readers,

I apologize for not being able, at the moment, to publish the complete report of my personal experience during this important event. It was a great honor and a pleasure being invited as a speaker to this congress that represents a milestone in the field of the Different-abilities. In the next issue of the Chair' newsletter, I will not miss the opportunity to share with you not only my feelings and emotions but the fundamental contents presented and discussed. That's why I invite you to have a first look about the "Handi-capacities, sport &work" here below. The following link will address you to some of the videos and audios (some in English, others in French) taken during the event: <https://handicapacites.com/videos-et-audios-de-levenement/>

Enjoy!

Alessandra Pentone



Disabilities Congress September 9, 2024 at UNESCO House

Everyone wins through physical and mental exercise!

Hand in hand for inclusion

The Handicapités 2024 congress will launch on **September 9, 2024 at the UNESCO Paris house** a major collective dynamic to promote physical, mental or sensory exercise as an accelerator for adapting the capacities of people with disabilities: let's stop talking about or highlighting their deficits and value their capacities to succeed in their integration and their socio-professional and sporting maintenance.

[Learn more](#)



Partners of the Disabilities Congress 2024





PANATHLON **INTERNATIONAL** is an association whose motto is "*ludis iungit*": "*United by Sport and for Sport*".

It promotes friendship between all International Panathletes and all people who work in the world of Sport.

It rejects the use of all types of doping, violence, racism and corruption, and is committed to encouraging and supporting actions in favour of people with disabilities.

Created in 1960, it obtained official recognition from the International Olympic Committee in 1982. Panathlon International is present in 27 countries representing 4 continents with 265 Clubs and more than 10,000 members.

The French District of Panathlon International is currently chaired by Dr. Marc Rozenblat, co-organizer of Handicapés Sport et Travail on September 9, 2024.



The **SANITUS Foundation** was co-founded by Mr Antonio MARCELINO LEAL.

Since 2009, it has been recognized as a Social Solidarity Foundation with a public health vocation.

Several projects were born such as the NOVA VITA clinical and geriatric complex, the "International Institute for Research & Education for Health" Project.

Since 2017, interdisciplinary debates have been organized on relevant health and disability topics such as dysthanasia, work incapacity, and the VITABALANCE-MED project, for health education.

[The Sanitus Foundation website](#)



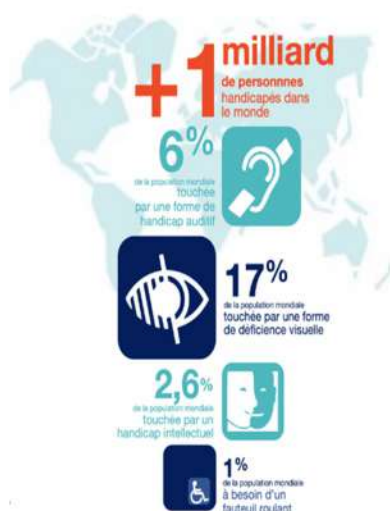
A new concept of Disabilities for a new inclusive dynamic

The integration of a new concept of Disabilities and this dynamic of change was born from the meeting in September 2022 between two doctors: Dr Marc ROZENBLAT (sports doctor) and Professor Antonio MARCELINO LEAL (occupational physician).

- Around 12 million French people out of 65 million are affected by disability, which represents more than 56 billion euros in the State budget in 2022.
- In France, the law requires companies that employ at least 20 employees to hire people with disabilities in a proportion of at least 6%, while in Portugal, this rate is 4%.
- In the event of non-compliance with the OETH (Obligation to employ disabled workers), companies are liable to pay an annual financial contribution to AGEFIPH (National Association for the Management of the Fund for the Professional Integration of Disabled People) or to similar organizations, depending on each country.



In 1998, 1 in 2 companies preferred to pay penalties rather than hire people with disabilities. Since then, the figures have not changed.



According to the WHO, almost 1 in 7 people have major functional difficulties or suffer from a "severe" disability.

Towards a more inclusive world

"We need every country to adopt a national plan" for the disabled, says Dr. Etienne KRUG, director of the WHO's department for prevention of violence, injury and disability.

Globally, 1 billion people, or 15% of the world's population, have a disability.

This DISABILITIES SPORT and WORK Congress seeks to compensate for the inequalities generated by this status through interdisciplinary and social reflection on Health/Disability, Sport and Work.

Endless possibilities

This dynamic and visionary vision will allow us to reveal new responses, skills and levers to advance Humanity towards a new paradigm to develop and promote: "Disabilities!"

Message of Chair's Holder

Message 2025

Rui Nunes, MD, PhD

Head of the International Chair in Bioethics

The International Chair in Bioethics (ICB) is the largest network in Bioethics and Biolaw in the world. ICB has an ambitious agenda for 2025 following the lifelong example of Prof Amnon Carmi of respect for human dignity, human rights, environmental protection, and global peace.

Different initiatives will be promoted at a worldwide level during 2025.

First of all, the International Forum of Teachers, an ICB department that joins together nearly 1.500 teachers around the world with only one purpose: to promote bioethics in accordance with universal ethical and humanitarian principles. Education for bioethics at all levels of training, since high school to the professional practice of physicians, nurses, psychologists, but also of judges, lawyers, health economists, etc. Also, the Global PhD in Bioethics is a major step for producing high level scientific research in Bioethics and Biolaw.

As an international independent organization and a Cooperation Center of the World Medical Association, the International Chair in Bioethics is going to propose to UNESCO a revision of the Universal Declaration of Bioethics and Human Rights. To accomplish this goal the ICB created two years ago a task force to present the proposal this year, 2025, the 20th anniversary of the declaration.

Another landmark of 2025 will be the Carmi World Prize in Bioethics, a prize that intends to be the most significant and relevant one in this field in the international arena. The Carmi World Prize in Bioethics aims to reward individuals and groups for efforts in promoting bioethics education worldwide.

Also, after the huge success of the 16th World Conference in Bioethics, Medical Ethics & Health Law for the first time organized in South America, in Brasília, in July 2024, the 2025 challenge will be to deliver a high-level scientific event in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in November 2025 (www.bioethicsljubljan2025.com). The 17th World Conference will bring together some of the most relevant members of the academy, but also policy makers and young researchers that will deliver their work to the international community.

The year of 2025 will also be a year of expansion and new units will be created in some of the countries that are not yet represented in the Chair.

For all these reasons 2025 will be a year of ambition and development for the International Chair in Bioethics making it progressively a global partner.

Editorial Board Communications

NEWSLETTER'S CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIREMENTS

The contributions for the next Bioethical Voices newsletter must be forwarded to the Editorial Board before **20 Avril 2025**. They should be written in good English and in Word Format, with some photos (where possible) and their contents should be of international interests. Each author is personally responsible for the contents and the language of his/her own contribution. Contributions must be signed.

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AIM OF SECTIONS

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About legislation and judgments (300 words max.): news from Law associations, Court decisions, developments in national or international legislations

Education (max 300 words): announcements of creation of working group or networks, list and a short description of courses, seminars, workshops (including the target, the dates and organizers), trainings, university programs.

Research: ongoing research projects: title, authors and short description.

Publications: title, authors, year of publication.

International events (no national events); title, date, place and short description.

The structure is to be decided, based on the contributions we receive (evolving).

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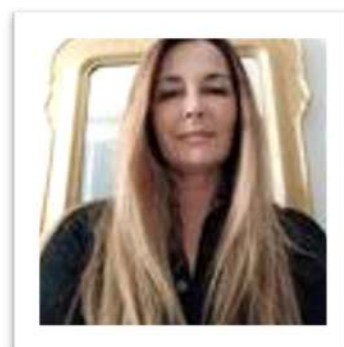
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