Navigating Impasses in Bioethics:
End of Life, Disability, and Mental Illness

Friday 8 December 2017, St Edmund’s College, Cambridge

VENUE: Garden Room (Library Building, St Edmund’s College)
From 9.15: Arrival (coffee/tea)

9.30 – 9.40 Welcome (Philip McCosker, Director, Von Hügel Institute)

SESSION I Perspectives from Health Law and Policy
Chair: ALBERTO GARCÍA (Director, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, Rome)

9.40 – 10.00 Misguided Autonomy and Beneficence in Carter: Repercussions for Euthanasia in the Case of Mental Health Disabilities
THANA DE CAMPOS (Research Associate, Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge, and UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, Rome)

10.00 – 10.20 Legal Definitions: Who Gets the Right to Die, and Who Gets the Right to Thrive?
ELIZABETH SCHILTZ (Professor of Law and Co-Director, Terrence J. Murphy Institute, University of St Thomas)

10.20 – 10.40 Euthanasia/MAiD and Mental Health: Why we Ought to be Uniquely Concerned
TRUDO LEMMENS (Scholl Chair in Health Law and Policy, University of Toronto)

10.40 – 10.55 Q&A

10.55 – 11.15 Coffee break

SESSION II Perspectives from Medicine and Health Care
Chair: TRUDO LEMMENS (Health Law and Policy, University of Toronto)

11.15 – 11.35 The Implications of Assisted Dying Legislation for People with Intellectual Disabilities: An Examination of Pertinent Euthanasia Cases in the Netherlands
IRENE TUFFREY-WIJNE (Associate Professor in Intellectual Disability and Palliative Care, Kingston and St George’s, University of London, and Chair of European Association for Palliative Care)
11.35 – 11.55  *Determination of Capacity for the Decision to Request Assisted Dying*  
ANNABEL PRICE (Associate Specialist Director for Palliative Care, Cambridge Institute of Public Health, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, University of Cambridge)

11.55 – 12.10  *‘This Condition isn’t going to get any Better so I can’t see why we’re Prolonging it’: Risks and Benefits of Using Ethnographic Research to Inform Normative Frameworks Concerning End of Life Care*  
ELIZABETH FISTEIN (Specialty Director in Ethics and Law, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, University of Cambridge) with GEMMA CLARKE (Researcher, Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine)

12.10 – 12.25  Q&A

12.25 – 12.45pm  Discussion for Session I & II

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**SESSION III**  
**Philosophy, Theology, and Bioethics (I)**  
Chair: DAVID ELLIOT (Assistant Professor of Moral Theology & Ethics, Catholic University of America, and Res. Associate, Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge)

2.00 – 2.20  *Threatening at the Beginning and the End: Examining the Symmetries*  
BRIAN BROCK (Reader in Moral and Practical Theology, University of Aberdeen)

2.20 – 2.40  *Rethinking Autonomy and Assisted Dying in the Context of Profound Disability*  
LIDIA RIPAMONTI (Res. Associate, Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge)

2.40 – 3.00  *The Weight of Living: Autonomy, Care, and Responsibility for the Self*  
PATRICK MCKEARNEY (Teaching Associate, Dept. of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge)

3.00 – 3.15  Q&A

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**SESSION IV**  
**Philosophy, Theology, and Bioethics (II)**  
Chair: WILLIAM JUNKER (Co-Director, Terrence J. Murphy Institute, University of St Thomas)

3.35 – 3.55  *'Assisted Dying' for People Who are Not Dying: Suicide Prevention or Culturally Approved Suicide?*  
DAVID ALBERT JONES (Director, Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford)

3.55 – 4.15  *Human dignity, Mental Disability and the End of Life*  
GONZALO MIRANDA LC (Dean, School of Bioethics, Athenaeum Pontificium Regina Apostolorum, Rome)

4.15 – 4.35  *Anthropologies of Hope and Despair: Disability and the Euthanasia Debate*  
DAVID ELLIOT (Assistant Professor of Moral Theology & Ethics, Catholic University of America, and Res. Associate, Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge)
4.35 – 4.50       Q&A
4.50 – 5.10       Discussion for Session III & IV

5.10 – 5.30       Final Remarks and Conclusion (Thana de Campos and Lidia Ripamonti)

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