

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

12.45 – 2 pm: Buffet Lunch

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

3.15 – 3.35 Coffee break

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)
