

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 of the Von Hügel Institute)

SESSION I Perspectives from Health Law and Policy

Chair: ALBERTO GARCÍA (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 (Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge, and UNESCO Chair, Rome)

10.00 – 10.20 *Legal Definitions: Who Gets the Right to Die, and Who Gets the Right to Thrive?*

ELIZABETH SCHILTZ (Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy, University of St Thomas)

10.20 – 10.40 *Euthanasia/MAiD and mental health: Why we Ought to be Uniquely Concerned*

TRUDO LEMMENS (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 (Intellectual Disability and Palliative Care, Kingston and St George's, University of London, and European Association for Palliative Care)

- 11.35 – 11.55 *Determination of Capacity for the Decision to Request Assisted Dying*
ANNABEL PRICE (Cambridge Institute of Public Health, and 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 with GEMMA CLARKE (Ethics & Law, University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, University of Cambridge)
- 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:

- 2.00 – 2.20 *Threatening at the Beginning and the End: Examining the Symmetries*
BRIAN BROCK (School of Divinity, University of Aberdeen)
- 2.20 – 2.40 *Rethinking autonomy and assisted dying in the context of profound disability*
LIDIA RIPAMONTI (Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge)
- 2.40 – 3.00 *The Weight of Living: Autonomy, Care, and Responsibility for the Self*
PATRICK MCKEARNEY (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 (Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy, 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 (Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford)
- 3.55 – 4.15 *Human dignity, Mental Disability and the End of Life*
GONZALO MIRANDA LC (School of Bioethics, Athenaeum Pontificium Regina Apostolorum, Rome)

- 4.15 – 4.35 *Anthropologies of Hope and Despair: Disability and the Euthanasia Debate*
DAVID ELLIOT (Moral Theology & Ethics, Catholic University of America, and Von
Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge)
- 4.35 – 4.50 Q&A
- 4.50 – 5.10 Discussion for Session III & IV
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- 5.10 – 5.30 Final Remarks and Conclusion (Thana de Campos and Lidia Ripamonti)
