

News and Events

Events

- **Dag van de Maakbare Mens**

Met Wouter Deprez, Hetty Helsmoortel, Julian Savulescu, Katrien Devolder, Leen De Vreese, Kristien Hens, Gert Matthijs en Chokri Ben Chikha

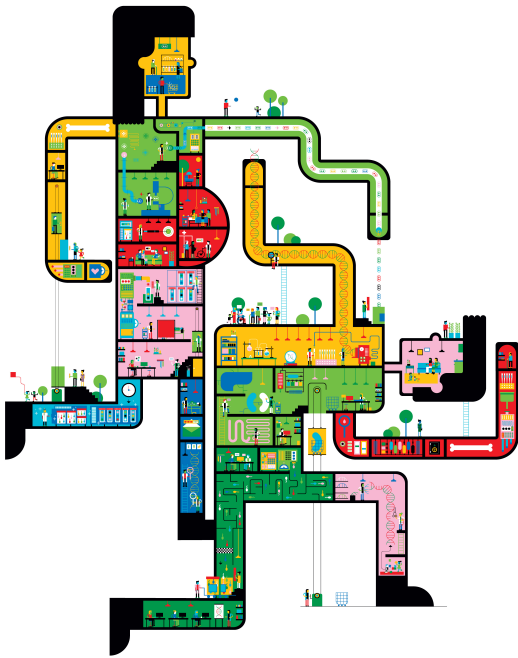
DNA beheerst het wetenschapsnieuws. Dankzij een nieuwe techniek kunnen we nu met eenvoudig knip- en plakwerk genen veranderen. Bij zwangere vrouwen wordt sinds een paar jaar standaard en met terugbetaling getest of hun kind het syndroom van Down heeft. Bedrijven verleiden ons met DNA-testen en de belofte je te vertellen hoeveel procent Viking-bloed er door je aderen stroomt. De Vlaamse overheid lanceert een DNA-databank zodat mensen onbekende familieleden kunnen opsporen.

Wat moeten we hier allemaal van denken? Winnen we hiermee de strijd tegen genetische ziekten? Of zullen we ons net meer zorgen maken over onze gezondheid? En zal de drang naar perfectie ons verlammen?

Kom op de Dag van De Maakbare Mens te weten hoe nieuwe genetische technologieën onze gezondheid en ons leven beïnvloeden. Experts geven je graag hun mening, wat is de jouwe?

Locatie: De Centrale, Turbinezaal, Kraankindersstraat 2, 9000 Gent

Voor het volledige programma en tickets, klik [hier](#).



Past Events

- **BIG Meeting**

"Purchasing your genomic self online - an introduction to the world of personal genomics"

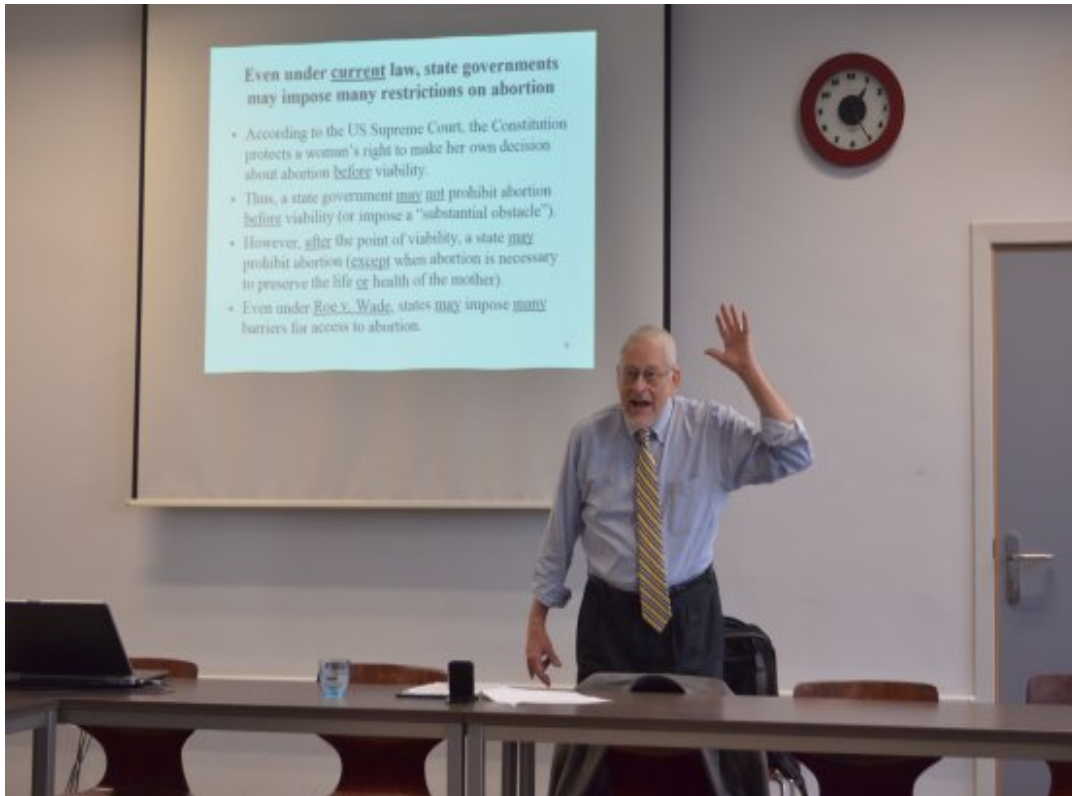
Andelka M. Phillips (Waikato University), 23d May 2019, 16.00-18.00



- **BIG Meeting**

"Access to reproductive care services for the poor in the United States"

Dean M. Harris (Gillings School of Global Public Health), 15th March 2019, 13.00-15.00



• Symposium: Happiness as a disorder / Happiness and disorder

Georganiseerd door Hipposocrates - Vlaamse Vereniging voor Filosofie en Geneeskunde

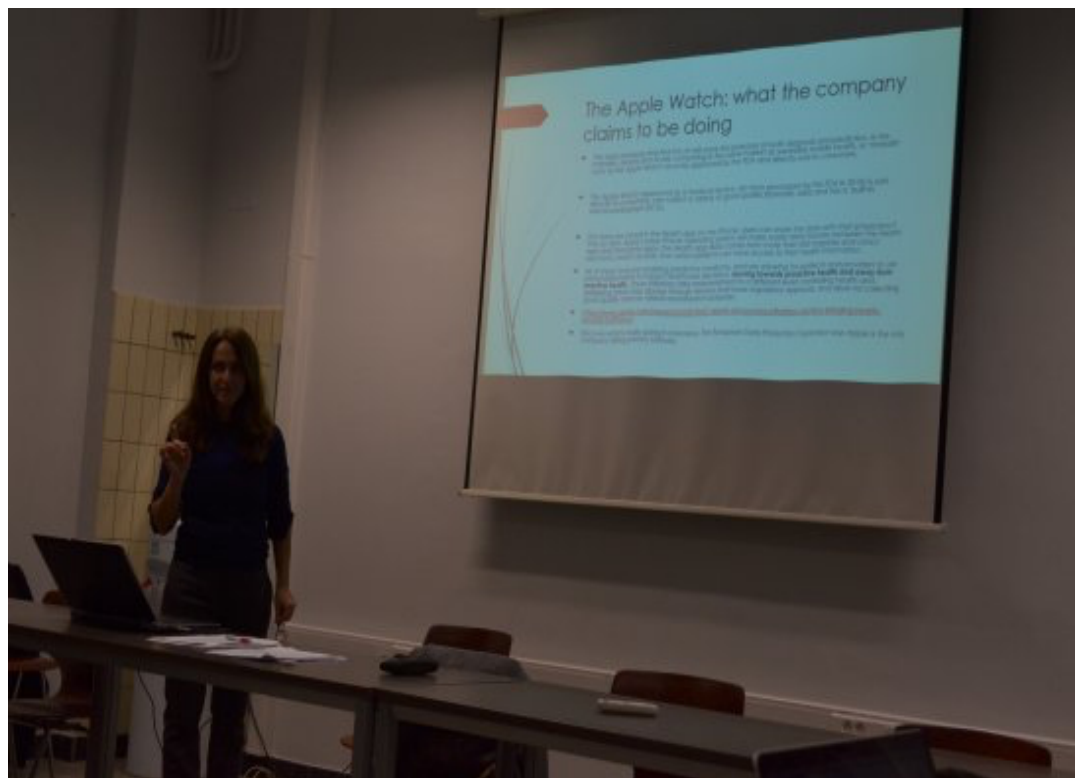
14 maart, 19u30: Avondlezing met Annemarie Van Stee - Liefde en suïcidaliteit in het brein (Antwerpen, Stadscampus)

15 maart, 9u15-16u30: Symposium - Happiness as a disorder / Geluk en stoornis (Antwerpen, Stadscampus)

• BIG Meeting

"Digital pills and artificial intelligence for the measurement of adherence to medication for mental disorders. Ethical and legal reflections on digital phenotyping, privacy and bias"

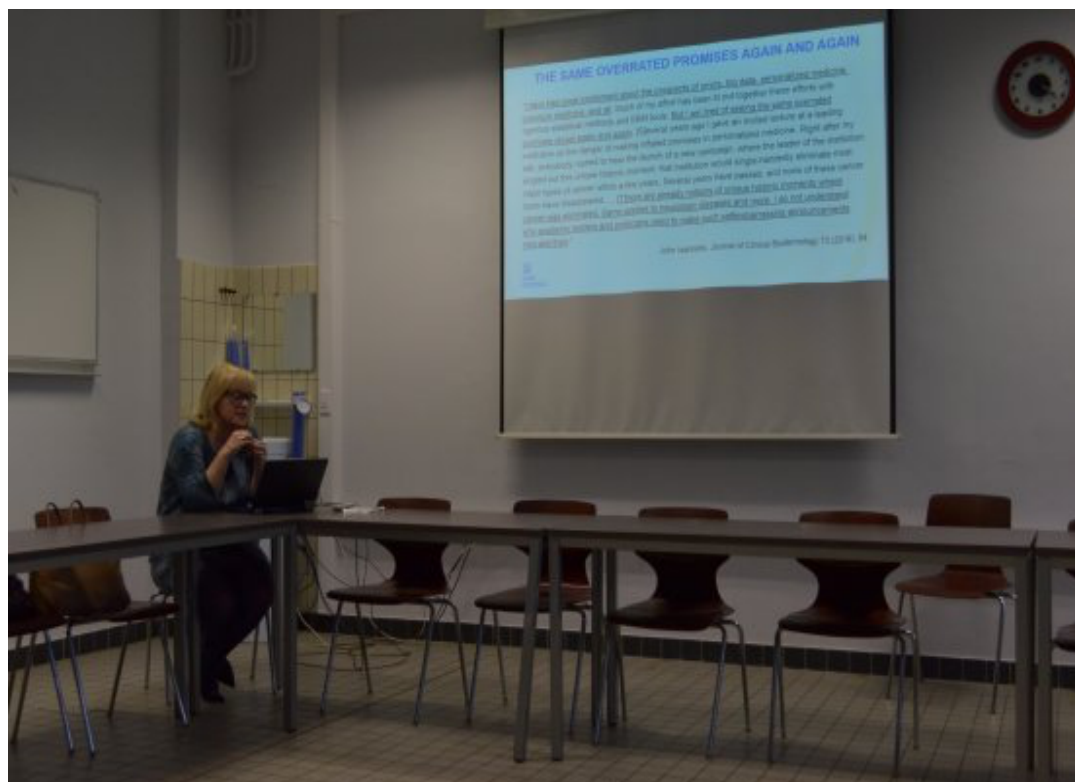
Katerina Sideri, 5th February 2019, 16.00-18.00



• BIG Meeting

"Big Data and Healthcare: Some epistemological, ethical and legal challenges"

Sigrid Sterckx, 11th December 2018, 16.00-18.00



- Scientific contribution submitted by Seppe Segers was awarded the EACME - Paul Schotsmans Prize 2018

The European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics awarded the EACME - Paul Schotsmans Prize to Seppe Segers, member of the Bioethics Institute Ghent for his scientific contribution "Gametes from stem cells: same-sex reproduction in view of equality and heteronormativity". Emeritus Professor and Past EACME President Paul Schotsmans will present this EACME Paul Schotsmans prize together with our EACME President Professor Rouven Porz during the Amsterdam conference, where this paper will be presented.

For more info, please visit the [EACME website](#).

- Symposium:

UNESCO World Bioethics Day - "Solidarity and Cooperation"

19th October 2018, 11.00 - 16.45, Ghent University Conference centre Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

Organised by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and hosted by Bioethics Institute Ghent

Contact: Belgian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, Prof. Sigrid Sterckx (Sigrid.Sterckx@UGent.be)

Programme:

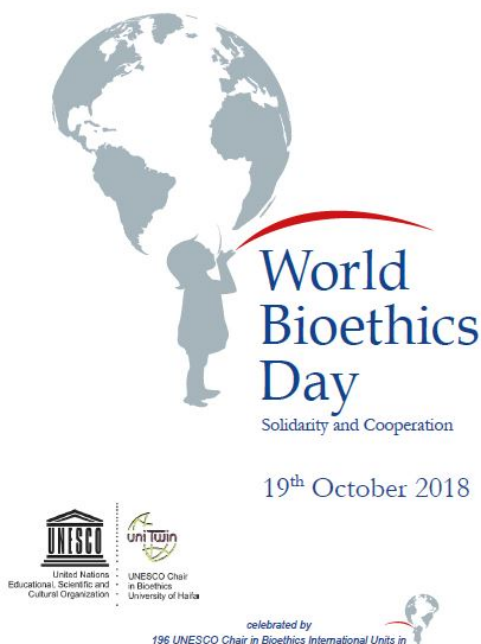
Programme

11:00	Welcome Prof. Sigrid Sterckx (Head of the Belgian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics) & Prof. Guido Pennings (Director, Bioethics Institute Ghent)
11:10	Bioethics and the Harms of Beauty Prof. Dr. Heather Widdows (John Ferguson Professor of Global Ethics & Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Birmingham, UK)
11:50	Q&A
12:05	Le passage de la réflexion éthique vers le bio droit Thérèse Locoge (Maître de Conférences, Ecole de Santé Publique, Université Libre de Bruxelles & Directeur Juridique, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Bruxelles)
12:45	Q&A
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Recent developments and controversies regarding medical tourism Prof. Dr. Kristof Van Assche (Law Faculty, University of Antwerp)
14:40	Q&A
14:55	The Making of Medicine: Philosophical and Historical Reflections Prof. Dr. Eric Mortier (CEO Ghent University Hospital)
15:35	Q&A
15:50	Justifiable Healthcare: When Just Evidence is Not Enough Prof. Dr. Wim Van Biesen (Head of the Nephrology Unit, Ghent University Hospital)
16:30	Q&A
16:45	Closing words & drinks reception

Location

Ghent University Conference centre Het Pand
Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent

Participation is free, but registration is required no later than 12 October via email to:
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- BIG Meeting

"Children of men: the ethics of advanced paternal age"

Vincent Couture (Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Bioethics Institute Ghent),
13th June 2018, 16.00-18.00



• **Symposium: " In the wake of catastrophe "**

Georganiseerd door Hipposocrates - Vlaamse Vereniging voor Filosofie en Geneeskunde

- 30 mei 2018, 19.30, Screening van de film The Road met inleiding en debat.

Locatie: Auditorium Filmzaal, Campus Aula, gebouw 06.22 – Paddenhoek 1-3, 9000 Gent

- 31 mei 2018, 10.00 - 16.00: Symposium *In the wake of catastrophe*.

Faculteitsvergaderzaal Letteren en Wijsbegeerte, Blandijnberg 2, 1e verdieping, 9000 Gent

Programma:

10:15-10:30: Welkom + inleiding

10:30-11:20: Mauritz Kelchtermans, Kristine Ooms en Bas Vandenbogaert: *Van triage via statistiek naar gepersonaliseerde medische zorgverlening en terug*

11:20-12:10: Ben Nemery: *Echte ramp of mass sociogenic illness*

12:10-13:00: Lunch+algemene ledenvergadering Hipposocrates

13:00-13:50: Lode Lauwaert: *Zijn killer robots verantwoordelijk voor het einde der tijden?*

13:50-14:40: Tom Duurland: *De esculaap en het zwaard: De Nederlandse militaire geneeskunde en de dreiging van het kernwapen, 1949-1989*

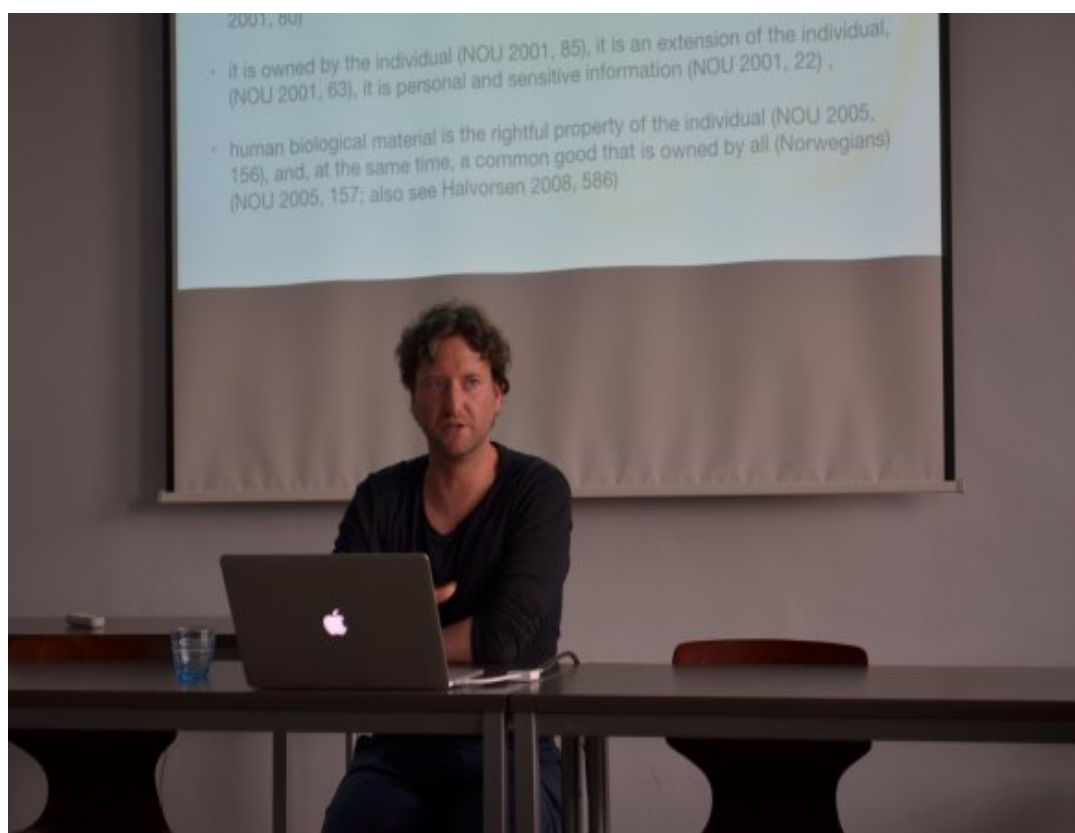
14:40-15:30: Discussie (olv Kristien Hens): *Waarom (geen) kinderen krijgen in apocalyptische tijden?*

15:30-16:00: Afronding, nabeschuwing

- **BIG meeting**

"The human deposit - the problem of conceptualising the human genome in the making of Norwegian biobank regulations with some implications for research ethics"

Jan Reinert Karlsen (University of Bergen), 22nd May 2018, 16.00 - 18.00



- **'Actuele Filosofie': Nieuwe ontwikkelingen in de geneeskunde: worden we er beter van?**

Bioethics Institute Ghent organiseert dit jaar de 'Actuele filosofie' cyclus, met als thema: 'Nieuwe ontwikkelingen in de geneeskunde: worden we er beter van?'.

In 8 lezingen behandelen bekende specialisten verschillende problemen uit de belangrijkste domeinen van de bio-ethiek. De lezingen veronderstellen geen specifieke voorkennis.

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Bevolking, consumptie en technologie: hoe verkleinen we onze ecologische voetafdruk op verantwoorde wijze? Wouter Peeters

FEB
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Geslachtscellen maken uit huid? Enkele ethische bedenkingen Seppe Segers

MAR
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Patenten op menselijk lichaamsmateriaal
Sigrid Sterckx

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Genoommodificatie: de maakbare mens
Guido Pennings

MAR
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Alternatieve gezinsvormen en ouderschap: wie zijn de 'echte' ouders? Veerle Provoost

MAR
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Een verhaal over visjes en het gebruik van genoominformatie in de gezondheidszorg
Wannes van Hoof

MAR
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Neurobiologische behandelingen voor misdadigers en geïnterneerden: een ethisch perspectief Farah Focquaert

APR
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Lichaamstransplantatie: staat uw hoofd ernaar? Kristof Van Assche

• Biobanking, Big Data Research and the Remaking of Medicine

International conference organised by Ghent University Hospital & Bioethics Institute Ghent, Ghent University

Friday 15 December 2017

Marriott Hotel, Korenlei 10, Ghent

Organizing Committee: Prof. Decruyenaere Johan, Prof. Mortier Eric, Prof. Sterckx Sigrid, Drs Vanderhaegen Bert, Prof. Vandewoude Koenraad

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Registration

Programme			
09:00	Welcome and opening words Prof. Petra De Sutter (Ghent University Hospital; Faculty of Medicine Ghent University; Senator & MP Council of Europe)	13:35	The remaking of medicine by re-using real world (big) data Bart Vannieuwenhuysse (Senior Director Health Information Sciences, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson))
09:10	Introduction I : The making of medicine Prof. Eric Mortier (CEO of Ghent University Hospital)	14:05	Q & A
09:30	Introduction II : The remaking of medicine: scenes from a marriage between the public sector and the private sector Prof. Sigrid Sterckx (Bioethics Institute Ghent, Ghent University & Research Associate, Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies, Oxford University)	14:20	The ethics of automated algorithm-based medical decision making Dr Brent Mittelstadt, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford
10:00	Biobanking. A few practical and legal considerations from the private sector Marc Martens (Partner and Co-Head, International Life Sciences and Healthcare group, Bird & Bird)	14:50	Q & A
10:30	Q & A	15:05	Replication, Falsification, and Big Data: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives Brian Earp, Associate Director, Yale-Hastings Program in Ethics and Health Policy, Yale University (New Haven) & The Hastings Center (New York)
10:45	Coffee, Tea and Refreshments	15:35	Q & A
11:05	Do biobank participants deserve property rights? If so, which ones? Prof. Donna Dickenson (Professor Emeritus University of London)	15:50	Coffee, Tea and Refreshments
11:35	Q & A	16:10	Some ethical implications of the epistemological quagmire surrounding Big Data Prof. John Ioannidis, School of Medicine & co-Director, Meta-Research Innovation Center, Stanford University
11:50	The public and private interests in biobanking. The case against a property-based approach to regulation Prof. Jonathan Herring (Law Faculty, Oxford University)	16:40	Q & A
12:20	Q & A	16:55	Panel debate with the speakers , moderated by Prof. Johan Decruyenaere (Department of Internal Medicine, Ghent University & President, Platform for Medical Innovation, Ghent University Hospital) and Prof. Sigrid Sterckx (Bioethics Institute Ghent)
12:35	Lunch	17:55	Closing words
		18:00	Drinks reception

• Symposium:

UNESCO World Bioethics Day – “ Equality, Justice and Equity ”

19th October 2017, 14.00 - 18.15, Ghent University conference centre Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Gent

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- 14:00 **Welcome**
Prof. Sigrid Sterckx (Head of the Belgian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics) &
Prof. Guido Pennings (Director, Bioethics Institute Ghent)
- 14:10 **Keep dreaming and you will never face reality**
An alternative view on what bioethics is all about
Drs Bert Vanderhaegen (Ghent University Hospital & University of Bristol)
- 14:40 Q&A
- 14:55 **Reproduction and justice:**
The desexualisation of reproduction and the explosion of responsibility
Dr Britta van Beers (Faculty of Law, Free University of Amsterdam)
- 15:25 Q&A
- 15:40 Coffee & tea
- 16:00 **New developments in organ transplantation in Belgium:**
Justice under threat?
Prof. Koen Vandewoude (Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, Ghent University) &
Dr Nick Van Gelder (Federal Agency for Medicines and Health Products)
- 16:30 Q&A
- 16:45 **Justice when there is no cure?**
The case of Alzheimer's disease
Dr Robin Pierce (Faculty of Law, Tilburg University)
- 17:15 Q&A
- 17:30 **Human gene editing and justice:**
Reproductive Liberty and Post-Genomic Egalitarianism
Dr Oliver Feeney (National University of Ireland, Galway)
- 18:00 Q&A
- 18:15 Closing

Location

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• Seminarie:

Wat als ik een doof kind wens?

Zaterdag 17 juni 2017, 09u00 - 12u30, Auditorium A, Blandijnberg 2, 9000 Gent

Seminarie rond doofheid, kindervens en genetica met bijdragen van Bart Verheyden (VSPW Gent), Guido Pennings (UGent, BIG), Els De Leenheer (NKO-arts, UZ Gent), Marion Schmidt (University College Freiburg), Kristof Jakiela (winnaar Vlaamse Scriptieprijs 2016) en Veerle Provoost (UGent, BIG).

Gratis toegang. Tolken VGT aanwezig.

Een initiatief van Fevlado Diversus & Bioethics Institute Ghent.

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Seminarie rond doofheid, kindervens en genetica

Zaterdag 17 juni 2017 - Auditorium A, Blandijnberg 2, 9000 Gent

Gratis toegang - Tolken VGT aanwezig

09u00 Onthaal met koffie

09u30-09u40 Inleiding door Bart Verheyden (master in de moraalwetenschappen, lector dovencultuur VSPW Gent)

09u40-10u00 Guido Pennings (professor bio-ethiek en directeur Bioethics Institute Ghent, Universiteit Gent)
Ethische vragen rond embryoselectie

10u00-10u20 Els De Leenheer (NKO-arts en professor Universitair Ziekenhuis Gent)
Erfelijke slechthorendheid en het otogenetisch spreekuur

10u20-10u40 Marion Schmidt (University College Freiburg, division for Science and Technology Studies)
Doofheid, beperking en normaliteit - Deafness, disability en normalcy (Engelse voordracht)

10u40-11u00 Pauze

11u00-11u30 Kristof Jakiela (moraalwetenschapper en winnaar Vlaamse Scriptieprijs 2016)
Doofheid en kindervens: moraalwetenschappelijk onderzoek op basis van interviews

11u30-12u30 Debat: inleiding door Hannes De Durpel (Fevlado)
en Veerle Provoost (Bioethics Institute Ghent, Universiteit Gent)

12u30 Einde seminarie

Een initiatief van Fevlado Diversus & Bioethics Institute Ghent (BIG)

via Kristel Jelske, Papegasthuis 40, 9000 Gent



- **Conference:**

International Conference Justice Without Retribution III

2-3 June 2017, Faculty of Law at Ghent University

This conference is the third in a series of conferences organized by the recently developed 'the Justice without Retribution network' which brings together world-leading academics and promising early career researchers, from a range of jurisdictions.

We have invited a number of distinguished international experts, including Prof. Adrian Raine, Prof. Paul Russell, Prof. Gwendoline Adshead, Prof. Bruce Waller, Prof. Thomas Nadelhoffer, Dr. Katy de Kogel, to share their latest philosophical and applied research on criminal justice, punishment and rehabilitation. The conference focuses on non-retributive approaches to criminal behavior, free will (skepticism) and neuro-criminology.

The invited speakers are renowned philosophers, legal theorists, neuroscientists, psychologists, forensic psychiatrists and criminologists that have a track record of outstanding work in the domain of criminal behavior, free will and moral responsibility, neuroethics and criminal justice.

Attendance is free, but places are limited. You can subscribe [here](#).

Abstracts: <https://consequent2017.files.wordpress.com/2017/03/all-abstracts-new.pdf>

The Conference is hosted by the *Bioethics Institute Ghent* in collaboration with the Faculty of Law.

- **Symposium:**

Medical Ethics Dilemmas in a Military Context

Symposium co-organised by the Belgian Unit of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Queen Astrid Military Hospital

15 March 2017, 09.00-16.45, Royal Military Academy, Campus Renaissance Rue Hobbema 8 (entrance) 1000 Brussels

Organised by the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and hosted by Bioethics Institute Ghent

www.rma.ac.be

- **TEDx-talk by Prof Veerle Provoost presented as the featured talk on the TED.com homepage**

Prof Provoost's TEDx-talk 'the name of the father' will go live as the featured talk on the TED.com homepage on December 9th around 11 am EST (around 17:00 local time in Belgium).

In her talk Prof Provoost explains how we can gain valuable insights from families of children conceived with donor sperm and their views about what a family really is. These alternative families teach us what matters most in the decisions we all make for our children, whether or not they are genetically related to us. The parents and children she studied created their own family stories (about how their families were made) in highly diverse but very creative ways. However, some parents thought that they should strictly follow the advice of experts in their communication with their children. Because of that, they discounted their own competence. Based on her research experience, Veerle warns us for the negative effects of problematizing these families. Because no matter what a family looks like, or how it is made, parents should believe in their abilities and their creativity. As they know their families best, they are the real experts in how to find the best way to tell their own family story to their own child.

[Link](#) to the TED.com homepage.

Direct [link](#) to the talk.

- **Visiting researchers:**

We are happy to welcome Dr Tenzin Wangmo (University of Basel) and Dr Sandi Dheensa (University of Southampton) as visiting researchers at the Bioethics Institute Ghent.

Dr Wangmo will be joining us from 16th October until 30th November 2016, and Dr Dheensa from mid- to end October 2016.

You can read more about Dr Wangmo [here](#).

You can read more about Dr Dheensa [here](#).

- **Symposium:**

UNESCO World Bioethics Day – “ Human Dignity and Human Rights ”

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09:30 Registration and coffee

10:00 Welcome

Prof. Guido Pennings, Director, Bioethics Institute Ghent, Ghent University

10:10 Welcome and Introduction to the Symposium

Prof. Sigrid Sterckx, Ghent University, Head of the Belgian Unit

10:30 Dignity as a basis for Bioethical Decision-Making: Does it tell us What, When and Why?

Dr Laura Hoyano, Wadham College, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

11:10 Discussion

11:25 Human Dignity and Procreation

Prof. Petra De Sutter, Head of the Department of Reproductive Medicine, Ghent University Hospital; Senator; MP Council of Europe

12:05 Discussion

12:20 Lunch

13:20 Honoring Human Dignity in the Digital Age

Dr Robin Pierce, School of Law, Brunel University

14:00 Discussion

14:15 Towards a Bioethics of Liberation

Prof. Michel Dupuis, Institut supérieur de philosophie, Université Catholique de Louvain

14:55 Discussion

15:10 Coffee / Tea

15:25 The Concept of 'Dignity' as understood in various Recommendations of the Belgian Advisory Committee on Bioethics

Prof. Paul Schotsmans, Em. Prof. of Medical Ethics, Faculty of Medicine, KU Leuven

16:05 Discussion

16:20 Imagining the Human: Human Dignity and the Challenges of Posthumanism

Dr Britta van Beers, Faculty of Law, VU Amsterdam

17:00 Discussion

17:15 Closing words and proposals for future events of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics

Location

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Some pictures of the UNESCO World Bioethics Day hosted by BIG, via this [link](#).

• Moraalwetenschapper en UGent alumnus Kristof Jakiela wint Vlaamse scriptieprijs 2016

Proficiat aan Kristof Jakiela die de Vlaamse scriptieprijs 2016 heeft gewonnen met zijn thesisonderzoek naar de attitudes van dove koppels tegenover embryoselectie! Het onderzoek werd begeleid door BIG-lid Prof. dr. Veerle Provoost.

Hier kunt u lezen dat de jury danig onder de indruk raakte van de scriptie van Kristof Jakiela. "Via de diepgaande gesprekken die hij met hen voerde, biedt Jakiela in zijn scriptie een inkijk in de leefwereld van doven. Door doofheid ook als een waardevolle eigenschap te belichten, verrijkt de auteur niet enkel je begrip maar dwingt hij zijn lezer bovendien tot reflectie. Hoe staat onze samenleving tegenover doofheid en dove mensen? Zijn scriptie is een echte eye-opener die de aandacht van onze samenleving verdient."

Hier kunt u meer lezen over het onderzoek.



• TEDx-TALK:

TEDx-talk by Prof Veerle Provoost (Ghent University)

**18TH JUNE 2016, 10.00-18.00 (DOORS OPEN AT 9.00), MUZIEKCENTRUM
DE BIJLOKE, JOZEF KLUYSKENSSTRAAT 2, 9000 GENT**

Title: The name of the father?

In her talk "The name of the father?", Veerle Provoost will talk about families of children conceived with donor sperm. She will explain how we can gain valuable insights from their views about what a family really is. These alternative families teach us what matters most in the decisions we all make for our children, whether or not they are genetically related to us.

Veerle's main research interest is empirical bioethics in the field of reproductive medicine. She is a professor at Ghent University and coordinates a team of researchers who work on a study about genetic and social parenthood in the context of donor conception.

More information and registration [here](#).

- **LECTURE:**

Lecture by Prof Gregg Caruso, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Corning Community College (SUNY)

2nd October 2015, 19.30-21.00, Auditorium NBI, Faculteit Rechtsgeleerdheid, Universiteitstraat 4, 9000 Gent

Title: Free Will Skepticism and Its Implications: Punishment Revisited

Vrije wil scepticisme is een filosofie die het bestaan van vrije wil en morele schuld ontkent maar tegelijk gelooft dat ons recht en onze samenleving die noties ook niet nodig heeft. Meer zelfs, zonder vergelding kan onze maatschappij potentieel beter functioneren. Omdat wetenschap er steeds meer rekening mee houdt dat er in ons brein inderdaad geen plaats is voor een vrije wil, bezinnen we ons best over de gevolgen van een mensbeeld zonder vrije wil. Is straffen nog wel mogelijk? En zo, ja welke straffen zijn te verkiezen? Welke aanpassingen vergt dit van ons huidig strafrecht?

De New Yorkse filosoof Gregg Caruso heeft er grondig over nagedacht en biedt uitdagende antwoorden op deze vragen. Hij is verbonden aan SUNY, editor van 'Exploring the Illusion of Free Will and Moral Responsibility' met bijdragen van gelijkgestemde experts over dit thema en initiatiefnemer van het netwerk 'Justice without retribution'.

Klik [hier](#) voor meer informatie

- **ESPMH 2015 CONFERENCE:**

29th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE: Medicalisation

19-22 August, 2015, Ghent, Belgium

This conference will be organised by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare ([ESPMH](#)) and the Bioethics Institute Ghent. The focus of the conference is on Medicalisation. When Ivan Illich launched his critique on the medical establishment, medicalisation became a synonym for a perverted evolution in Western health care. Since then, it has mainly been used as a criticism of people's oppression by the health establishment, and has led to a call for resistance to the medical establishment. Since Illich's criticism, the world has changed profoundly, and medicine with it. Thus, our analysis of medicalisation must take account of these developments. Recent discussions have focused on the changing engines or drivers of medicalisation, the shift to a new techno-scientific era of biomedicalisation and pharmaceuticalisation, and other calls to rethink or go beyond medicalisation as

originally framed. How to unravel the numerous meanings and contexts of a concept so central to many discussions in philosophy of medicine, ethics and elsewhere? Medicalisation represents far more than a critique of medicine as such and therefore, this conference aims to unravel its current analytical potential and to develop novel analyses in philosophy and ethics, in contemporary society and in medicine.

- **LECTURE:**

Lecture by Dr Jean-Paul Pirnay, Head of the Laboratory for Molecular and Cellular Technology (LabMCT) and Research Coordinator of the Queen Astrid Military Hospital, Brussels

26th November 2014, 16.00-18.30, Blandijn, Room 2.43

Title: "Biobanking human tissue in a global context, with particular attention to commercialization issues"

- **LECTURE:**

Lecture by Dr Veljko Dubljevic, Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University, Canada

19th december 2014, 12.00-14.00, Faculty Room

Title: Implications of the ADC model of moral judgment for the theoretical feasibility of "moral enhancement"

Abstract: In the debate on moral enhancement, an important constraint was the question of the normative baseline according to which any "enhancement" effect can be measured. The standard approach assumes the epistemic authority of dual systems model of moral judgment (e.g., Greene 2008), which postulates that System 1 processes generate intuitive non-consequentialist moral judgments, which are fallible, whereas System 2 generates deliberate reasoning which conforms with consequentialist judgment. Moral enhancement, then, could consist in inhibiting the System 1, while at the same time enhancing System 2 processes (Savulescu & Persson 2012). However, with the advent of the integrative ADC model of moral judgment (Dubljević & Racine 2014), and empirical support it garnered from cognitive psychology (Bialek & al. 2014), the dynamics of System 1 and System 2 processes in moral judgment are put in a different perspective: all moral judgments seem to be intuitive, and consist of intuitions focusing on agents, deeds and consequences, while their justification is a matter of public interest and deliberation. This has profound implications both for the normative assumptions and the empirical constraints of the project of "moral enhancement".

• **LECTURE:**

**Lecture by Sandra Martins Pereira (VU University Amsterdam
- EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research)**

21th February 2014, 12.30-14.00

Free admission. Lecture and discussion in English.

Sandra Martins Pereira: "Burnout in physicians and nurses working in Specialized Palliative Care Units in Portugal: A bioethical perspective based on a mixed methods study"

For more information on this lecture, please contact Kasper Raus
(kasper.raus@ugent.be)

• **LECTURE:**

Lecture by Amanda Warren-Jones (University of Sheffield)

24th March 2014, Faculty Room

Free admission. Lecture and discussion in English.

Amanda Warren-Jones: "Formal Moral Decision-making: Understanding our "better angels" and evidence of them"

Abstract: Deconstructing formal morality as a decision-making process identifies the relationship between imperatives/principles, standards, processes, evidence and moral agents. Creating standards of morality oriented to the strength of disapprobation within a dual model decision-making framework ('matrix') creates a mechanism to facilitate consistent decision-making and promote theoretical and applied multi-disciplinary dialogue. The analysis proves the matrix across two discourses: (1) the sociological/ bioethical debate on common morality; and (2) the philosophical/jurisprudential debate on the concept of law. A mechanism is provided for determining the choice of model and for resolving competing claims. The scope for change is explored and a basis for identifying moral principles/practices is sketched out. Finally, mechanisms are discussed for resolving polarised moral opinions across decision-making groups.

For more information on this lecture, please contact Sigrid Sterckx
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- **CONFERENCE:**

Analytic Bioethics in Europe

28-29 May 2014 – Ghent, Belgium

Organised by Bioethics Institute Ghent Funded by the Society for Applied Philosophy.

Keynote by Jeff McMahan. Conference Program [here](#).

Open Call for papers for PhD students - deadline 20 February.

More information to follow soon. Contact - Katrien.Devolder@UGent.be

- **LECTURE**

Lecture by Wim Van Criekinge (Ghent University)

23th January 2014, 13u, Faculty Room

Free admission. Lecture and discussion in English.

Wim Van Criekinge: "personal genomics today: from personalized metabolism to recreational genomics "

keywords:

- state of the art
- a platform to manage your genome (strength/weaknesses)
- opportunities/treats
- a personal genomics manifesto

For more information on this lecture, please contact Guido Pennings (guido.pennings@ugent.be)

- **LECTURE:**

Lecture by Francesca Minerva (University of Melbourne)

10th Januari 2014, 17.00, Faculty Room

Free admission. Lecture and discussion in English.

Francesca Minerva: "Beauty between aesthetic enhancement and lookism"

Abstract: I aim at introducing a new approach to the issue of human beauty and discrimination against the ugly (lookism). By taking into account both the evolutionary and the social accounts of beauty, I propose a new approach to this issue that bridges these two traditional views. In particular, I draw a distinction between paradigms of beauty that can be changed through cultural interventions and paradigms which cannot be changed because hardwired in our brains. I

therefore argue that we should adopt different kinds of intervention depending on whether the characteristics in question are considered attractive for social reasons, or for evolutionary reasons.

For more information on this lecture, please contact Katrien Devolder (katrien.devolder@ugent.be)

- **LECTURE:**

Lectures by Jonathan Ives and Lucy Frith on empirical bioethics in reproductive medicine

27th August 2013, 16.00-18.00

Faculty Room (first floor, room opposite the main staircase of Blandijn)

Free admission. Lectures and discussion in English

16-16.10: Welcome

16.10-17.00: Jonathan Ives: A method of reflexive balancing in a pragmatic, interdisciplinary and reflexive bioethics

17.-17.50: Lucy Frith: symbiotic empirical ethics: A practical methodology

17.50: Closing remarks and announcement of the symposium "On gametes and guidelines: A symposium for exploring the use of interdisciplinary and empirical bioethics to inform the regulation of reproductive technologies". This symposium will be held from 17 to 18 February 2014 at the Brocher centre in Geneva.

For more information on these lectures, please contact Veerle Provoost (veerle.provoost@ugent.be)

- **LECTURE:**

Lectures by Cathy Herbrand (Université Libre de Bruxelles & King's College London)

4th September 2013, 16.00-18.00

Room 2.19 (second floor, room opposite the main staircase of Blandijn)

Free admission. Lectures and discussion in English

Cathy Herbrand: How gay and lesbian couples in coparenting arrangements regard biology and multi-parental recognition

For more information on these lectures, please contact Guido Pennings
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• LECTURE:

Lezing door Jonathan Weiner (VS) over 'Eindeloos leven'

8 juni 2011, 20u

Zebrastraat 32, 9000 Gent

Een activiteit georganiseerd door de *Vakgroep Wijsbegeerte en Moraalwetenschappen* (UGent), *Zebrastraat*, *Bioethics Insitute Ghent* (BIG), en *De Maakbare Mens* vzw.

Toegang gratis. Lezing en discussie in het Engels.

SAMENVATTING

Een wetenschappelijke zoektocht naar onsterfelijkheid

De droom van de eeuwige jeugd wordt stap voor stap bewaarheid. De ontwikkelingen gaan razendsnel. In de twintigste eeuw is onze levensverwachting toegenomen met meer dan dertig jaar! Een bonte stoet van geleerden, onderzoekers en ondernemers is er inmiddels van overtuigd dat er binnen afzienbare tijd een grote sprong voorwaarts zal worden gemaakt. In zijn boek en lezing *Eindeloos leven* neemt Jonathan Weiner, die als geen ander grensverleggende wetenschap begrijpelijk kan maken, ons mee op een onstuimige wetenschappelijke zoektocht. Daarbij ontmoet hij toonaangevende deskundigen en duikt hij diep in de meest verbijsterende vormen van wetenschappelijke kennis. Weiner vertelt het ongelooflijke verhaal van de definitieve overwinning op de ouderdom, daarbij de ideeën volgend van diegenen die vinden dat verouderen een geneesbare ziekte is. Prominent onder hen: de excentrieke Engelsman Aubrey de Grey, de meest radicale pleitbezorger van menselijke onsterfelijkheid. Eindeloos leven is een bruisend wetenschappelijk avonturenverhaal. Zullen we ooit eeuwig kunnen leven? En als we dat zullen kunnen ... willen we dat dan ook?

JONATHAN WEINER

Jonathan Weiner is een van de meest gerespecteerde populariserende wetenschapsjournalisten wereldwijd. Zijn werk is onder meer bekroond met de 'Pulitzer Prize'. Hij is auteur van *Long for This World: The Strange Science of Immortality*, *The Beak of the Finch*, *Time, Love, Memory*, *His Brother's Keeper*, *The Next One Hundred Years*, and *Planet Earth*. Daarnaast heeft hij stukken geschreven voor *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine* en *Scientific American*.

Voor meer informatie over de auteur,
zie: <http://www.jonathanweiner.com/>, alsook http://www.harpercollins.com/authors/21415/Jonathan_Weiner/index.aspx

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• **CONFERENCE:**

CONTINUOUS SEDATION AT THE END OF LIFE: ETHICAL PERSPECTIVES

Date: 11-12 March 2011

Location: Ghent Marriott Hotel, Ghent, Belgium

Organizers: Ghent University and Bioethics Institute Ghent

Contact information: Kasper Raus, Kasper.Raus@UGent.be, tel.: 0032472 38 56 26

Subject: The subject of this conference will be a critical analysis of continuous sedation at the end of life from an ethical, a clinical, and a legal perspective

Continuous sedation at the end of life is a relatively new end of life practice whereby a physician uses sedatives to reduce or take away the consciousness of a patient until death follows. The practice is often accompanied with a withdrawal of all artificial hydration and nutrition. Recent data suggest that this practice occurs frequently, for example in Belgium, The Netherlands and the UK. The practice, however, raises many issues with regard to the need for regulations, the clinical implications, as well as the ethical aspects. Too frequently, however, these debates occur separately.

This conference will consist of a bringing together of known international researchers on end-of-life issues in general, and on continuous sedation in specific. The goal is to acquire profound and rich insights into a practice that is currently very unclear. The ongoing rising incidence of continuous sedation makes a reflection of this kind highly pertinent.

Speakers:

- Professor BATTIN, Margaret (Department of Philosophy and Division of Medical Ethics, Utah, US)
- Professor GASTMANS, Chris (Centrum voor Biomedische Ethiek en Recht, KU Leuven)
- Professor HOLM, Søren (School of Law, University of Manchester, UK)

- Professor JONES, David (Director, Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, UK)
- Professor KUHSE, Helga (Centre for Human Bioethics, Monash University, Australia)
- Professor VAN DELDEN, Johannes (Julius Centre for Health Sciences and Primary Care, Universitair Medisch Centrum Utrecht, Nederland)
- Professor MORTIER, Eric (Vakgroep Anesthesiologie, Faculteit Geneeskunde en Gezondheidswetenschappen, Universiteit Gent)
- Professor PORTA-SALES, Josep (Institut Català d'Oncologia, Barcelona, Spanje)
- Dr. SYKES, Nigel (Medical Director, St. Christopher's Hospice, Londen, UK)
- Professor SEYMOUR, Jane (School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy, The University of Nottingham, UK)
- Dr. RIETJENS, Judith (Maatschappelijke Gezondheidszorg, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Nederland)
- Mevrouw DELBEKE, Evelien (Burgerlijk Recht, Universiteit Antwerpen)

FURTHER INFORMATION: <http://www.cs.ugent.be>.

• LECTURE:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND BEYOND: HOW TO SAVE CLINICAL RESEARCH?

Door: Prof. David Healy

Datum: 13 oktober 2010

Locatie: Faculteit Letteren en Wijsbegeerte

Blandijnberg 2 - Auditorium A

9000 Gent

Algemene informatie: David Healy (Cardiff University, UK) is een eminent criticus van de verstrengeling van private/industriële belangen in klinisch onderzoek in de psychiatrie.

Hij publiceerde o.m.: The antidepressant era (Harvard University Press), The creation of psychopharmacology (Harvard University Press), Let them eat Prozac (New York University Press), Mania: A short history of bipolar disorder (Johns Hopkins University Press)

Poster

• LEZING: "Embryoselectie oftewel PGD" dr Joep Geraedts

→ Vrijdag 14 januari 2011 - Bekijk de powerpoint

- **LECTURE:**

"Is religion an evolutionary adaptation?" dr **Steve Clarke** (University of Oxford)

→ Donderdag 6 mei 2010 - 14u30 in auditorium A (Blandijnberg 2)

Abstract: Many leading scholars in the cognitive science of religion, including Atran, Barrett, Bloom, Boyer and Norenzayan, favour what has become known as the Standard Model of the evolution of religion ('SM'). According to SM, religion evolved as a byproduct of a suite of adaptive cognitive structures that are associated with beliefs and behaviours in the non-religious domain. The SM purports to 'explain away' religious phenomena as nothing more than a functionless by-product. SM is favoured by its adherents in large part because it is alleged to have methodological advantages over various rival theories, including ones that invoke functional explanations. SM makes two questionable commitments. First, it assumes the methodological superiority of byproduct explanations of religion over competing functional explanations. Second, it presupposes the empirical plausibility of speculative accounts of the structure of human cognition, which attribute robust, invariant cognitive structures to the human mind, such as the 'massive modularity hypothesis.' We argue that byproduct explanations have no methodological advantages over their functional counterparts, and that they are in fact liable to methodological flaws that ordinary functional explanations do not suffer from. We also consider several alternatives to SM.

Biography: Dr. Steve Clarke is a James Martin Research Fellow in the Program on the Ethics of the New Biosciences at the University of Oxford and is a named researcher on the AHRC funded project 'Science and Religious Conflict'. He is on leave from the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics in Australia (until 2012) where he is a Senior Research Fellow. He holds a PhD in Philosophy from Monash University and has previously held appointments at the University of Melbourne, the University of Cape Town and La Trobe University. Steve is a broad-ranging philosopher who has published in such journals as The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Synthese, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, Philosophical Psychology and the Journal of Risk Research.

- **PERMANENTE VORMING ACTUELE FILOSOFIE - CYCLUS 2010**

Mensen beter maken: ethiek en geneeskunde

Reflectie over de ethische aspecten van nieuwe ontwikkelingen in de geneeskunde vormt een belangrijk onderdeel van de moraalfilosofie, in het bijzonder van de toegepaste ethiek. De medische en bioethiek is één van de meest vruchtbare onderzoeksgebieden in de ethiek. Het is ook één van de meest maatschappelijke relevante onderzoeksgebieden. In deze

voordrachtenreeks worden recente discussies en ontwikkelingen aan een ruim publiek gepresenteerd via diverse case-studies en reflecties. Komen ondermeer aan bod:

- Het in kaart brengen van het genoom van individuen: mogelijke toepassingen en ethische vragen
- Verloren voorwerpen? Ingevroren embryo's en het uitblijven van beslissingen
- Terminale sedatie: een nieuwe pest?
- Klinische experimenten op mensen in een globaliserende wereld: waar is de ethiek?
- Directe interventie in de hersenen: recente technieken, toepassingen en ethische vragen
- 'Lijden aan jezelf'. Over ziekte en moraliteit in een hedendaagse context.
- Reprogeneretica en de selectie van betere mensen

De lezingen en aansluitende discussies vinden plaats tijdens het voorjaar (periode februari tot mei) op donderdagavonden, van **19u30** tot ong. **21u30** en vinden alle plaats in auditorium A, Blandijnberg 2.

De avonden zijn **vrij toegankelijk voor alle geïnteresseerden**. Wie de lezingreeks wil volgen als permanente vorming en hiervan een **certificaat** wil bekomen dient zich hiervoor wel in te schrijven (kostprijs 58,80 EURO). Waar? Het Ufo, St.-Pietersnieuwstraat 33-35, van 13u tot 17u.

Het programma vindt u hier: <http://www.philosophy.ugent.be/index.php?id=88&type=content>

• CONFERENCE:

Euthanasie en palliatieve sedatie in de medische en verpleegkundige praktijk

Door de toenemende medische mogelijkheden en de vergrijzing van de bevolking wordt verwacht dat medische beslissingen aan het levenseinde van patiënten (zoals euthanasie en palliatieve sedatie) nog belangrijker zullen worden dan nu reeds het geval is. In 1998 en 2001 werden in Vlaanderen studies uitgevoerd om het voorkomen en de kenmerken van deze beslissingen in kaart te brengen. Sinds de wetten betreffende patiëntenrechten, palliatieve zorg en euthanasie in 2002 is de context rond het levenseinde echter sterk veranderd in België. Nieuwe studies drongen zich op. Tijdens het symposium worden nieuwe inzichten vanuit dit recente onderzoek gepresenteerd. Zowel de implicaties voor de medische als voor de verpleegkundige praktijk komen aan bod. Een visie vanuit zowel het beleid als de klinische en ethische praktijk wordt geboden en bediscussieerd.

Wanneer? 09.09.09

Waar? VUB campus Etterbeek

- **WORKSHOP:**

Medical neuroenhancement of mood: social and ethical issues at the forefront of the debate

→ 29 November 2007

Organized by An Ravelingien, BIG and collaborators of the project

'Neuroenhancement technology: an ethical analysis and study of the conditions for research and clinical trials.' (FWO- G.0048.07).

Have a look at the Workshop **Programme** and the **abstracts**.

- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHICS OF STEM CELL RESEARCH AND MEDICALLY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION**

→ 30 November - 1 December, 2007

Het Pand, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

Organized by BIG and ESHRE

The conference has two parts: the first addresses ethical aspects of human embryonic stem cell and cloning research. This fast developing technology continuously generates new ethical issues that one tries to solve by new technological inventions which in turn generate new ethical controversies. The second part contains presentations on the moral responsibility of all parties involved in medically assisted reproduction: the patient (for their life style and their future offspring), the physician (for the patient, the child and society), and society (by introducing legislation and providing public funding). Click [here](#) to read the conference folder.

- **CONFERENCE:**

SETTING AN ETHICAL AGENDA FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

→ 18-20 September, 2007

Faculty of Law, 9000 Ghent, Belgium

This international and interdisciplinary conference on the ethics of health promotion is hosted by the Institute for Law, Ethics & Society (In Rem) at Ghent University and co-organized by the departments of Public Health at Ghent University and at the

Free University of Brussels and by the Flemish Insitute for Health Promotion (VIG).
The conference is co-sponsored by the International Union for Health Promotion and Education (IUHPE) and the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO).