



**INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM
ON**

THE FUTURE OF BIOETHICS IN THE POST-PANDEMIC ERA

SEPTEMBER 09-10, 2022

CONCEPT NOTE

Questions in Bioethics include but are not limited to the end-of-life debate, assisted reproductive technologies, procreation and abortion, organ transplants, drug trials, public health, environmental issues, and population control. Androcentric approach in Bioethics promotes the notion that a man has the power, experience, and logic to determine worldly matters. Feminist Bioethics dismisses this notion and advocates for a gender-neutral approach towards the discipline of Bioethics.

The pandemic has taught us that the androcentric narration disregards the factors like illiteracy, gender, race, social status and economic background of the patient, and class-hierarchy in the society. This symposium seeks to revisit what went wrong in the health care structures and legal frameworks across the world, how long it has been so, and why did we continue to dwell in such dilapidated systems.

OBJECTIVES

- **Create a platform to bring together scholars and philosophers across the world to share their ideas and perceptions on how Bioethics needs to be revisited and reviewed in the post-pandemic era.**
 - **Enable knowledge-sharing with respect to different healthcare systems and legal structures, and how different countries conceive their public policies, and determine the driving forces behind their philosophies.**
 - **Encourage dialogues between attendees and speakers to create brainstorming sessions.**
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9TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

INAUGURAL SESSION (04:00 pm - 04:40 pm)

- Welcome Address:** **Anamika Krishnan, Founder, Global Bioethics Collective**
- Presidential Note:** **Dr. Bindu M. Nambiar, Principal, His Highness Maharajas Government Law College, Ernakulam**
- Keynote Address:** **Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala, India**
- Vote of Thanks:** **Prof. Dr. Giri Sankar S.S., Director, CLGPS**

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SESSION 1 (05:00 pm - 06:30 pm)

THE PANDEMIC AND OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STRUCTURES

It is high time that we evaluate the public health structures and legal frameworks of health delivery systems of different countries and understand their respective responses to the pandemic. This session seeks to analyze how did each of these countries redesign their health structures to combat the pandemic. Their opinions would serve beneficial for strengthening the public health sector to tackle future health emergencies.

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"Trust, Distrust and Danger in the COVID Pandemic: Reflections of a Physician-Bioethicist"

Dr. Peter H. Schwartz, M.D., Director, IU Center for Bioethics and Associate Professor of Medicine, IU School of Medicine, U.S.A.



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"Public Health Management during the Pandemic : A Kaleidoscopic View of the Kerala Model"

Dr.Vani Kesari A., Director, Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon Interdisciplinary Centre for Research Ethics and Protocols, Cochin University of Science and Technology, India



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"Pandemicity and the Indian Healthcare System, what we faced and learnt so far: An Eagle Eye Analysis from Public Health Perspectives"

Dr.Dattatreya Mukherjee, MBBS, Intern, Raigunj Medical College and Hospital, West Bengal, India



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"Official Ineptitude, Corruption, and Crimes against Humanity amid the COVID-19 Pandemic : Lessons in People-Centered Democratic Empowerment"

Perfecto Caparas, Director, Center for International Human Rights Law Praxis, National University of the Union of Myanmar-Burmese American Community Institute



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SESSION 2 (07:00 pm - 08:45 pm)

THE ONSLAUGHT ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

This session seeks to identify how different nations tried to regulate the reproductive choices of the citizens when the entire globe was busy fighting the pandemic. It seeks to determine why the reproductive rights of women and the LGBTQ Community are always extremely regulated or denied in totality, and why are governments always eager to politicize the reproductive choices. This session would thereby identify the future implications of reproductive health.

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"Court Abandonment of Bioethics for Women in Dobbs"

Prof. Dr. Jennifer A. Drobac, Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law, IU McKinney School of Law, U.S.A.



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"Whose Body, Whose Choice? Reproductive Rights in Modi's India"

Rohin Bhatt, Lawyer, Bioethicist, India



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"The Protection of Women's Reproductive Rights during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Chile"

**Dr. Macarena Foitzick-Zumelzu, Lecturer, Catholic University Silva
Henriquez, Santiago, Chile**



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"Right to Abortion in India : Legal and Ethical Concerns Before and After COVID-19 Pandemic"

Dr. Arathi P.M., Assistant Professor, School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University, India



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"The Adverse Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Maternal Health Services in Zimbabwe"

Denise Theresa Chisveto, LL.B., Current LL.M. Candidate in World Trade Law Track, IU McKinney School of Law, U.S.A.



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SESSION 3 (05:00 pm - 06:15 pm)

CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE PANDEMIC

This session seeks to identify the communities who are mostly at risk due to the climate change and the pandemic. This session will evaluate whether the new economic recovery plans escalate or mitigate the climate crisis. It will also try to analyze how the occurrence of natural disasters during the pandemic affect the delivery of healthcare services in the existing structures. It will also explore the concept of how far scientists view the spread of the infectious diseases as a result of climate change. The session will evaluate the scope of ecofeminism as an alternative to the traditional approach.

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"Cow's Right of Movement in Post-Pandemic West Africa"

**Dr. Diana-Abasi Ibanga, Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Calabar,
Nigeria**



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"An Intersection of Climate Crisis and Wetlands in India"

**Prof. Dr. Dayana M.K., Assistant Professor, His Highness Maharajas
Government Law College, Ernakulam, India**



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"Human-Wildlife Interactions : Bioethical Dimensions"

**Prof. Dr. Giri Sankar S.S., Associate Professor, His Highness Maharajas
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SESSION 4 (06:30 pm - 07:45 pm)

DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTHCARE AND THE PANDEMIC

It is rightfully said that we repeat what we don't repair. This session seeks to focus on how the existing discrimination in healthcare systems worsened during the pandemic. It seeks to evaluate race, caste, and religion as determinants of access to healthcare. It seeks to explore why the existing laws failed to tackle the issue.

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"Underinsurance, Access, and Inequity in the U.S. System"

Daniel G. Orenstein, JD., MPH, Independent Researcher, U.S.A.



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"The Future of Healthcare"

Prof. Dr. Stefan Lorenz Sorgner, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy



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"Post-Pandemic Bioethics Priorities for India : Universal Access, Equity, and Non-Discrimination"

Prof. Dr. Amar Jesani, Independent Researcher/Consultant/Teacher in Bioethics and Public Health, Co-Founder of Indian Journal of Medical Ethics



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SESSION 5 (08:00 pm - 09:45 pm)

THE EMERGENCE OF ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO BIOETHICS

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SESSION 5 (08:00 pm - 09:45 pm)

"The Need and Relevance of Alternate Approaches to Bioethics"

Prof. Dr. Amber Comer, JD., Associate Professor, Department of Health Sciences, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, U.S.A.



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SESSION 5 (08:00 pm - 09:45 pm)

"Alternatives are not Lacking in the World : The Imperative of Decolonizing African Bioethics"

Prof. Dr. Mbih Tosam, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Bamenda, Cameroon



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"The Foundations of Hindu Bioethics"

Dr. B.V.K. Sastry, Researcher, Founder-President of Yoga Samskrutham University, Florida, U.S.A.



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"Latinx, Latine, Latino : Finding Voice and Identity in Multicultural Bioethics"

Casey A. Rojas, JD, MBE, Federal Relations and Health Equity Manager, U.S.A.



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CONCLUDING REMARKS (09:30 pm - 09:45 pm)

**Prof. Dr. Giri Sankar S.S.,
Hon'ble Director, CLGPS**

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