

Abstract

Advances in biomedical science and development of scientific technology have given rise to a new domain in philosophy: bioethics. This fledgling new branch of ethics is interdisciplinary. Bioethics covers areas of medicine, natural and social science, philosophy, and law; and it aims to produce systematic reflections about ethical issues that arise as science and medicine impact human life. Although bioethics is still a nascent field, it has, in recent years, gathered significant prominence in academic departments, medical centers, and popular media. Topics debated in bioethics include the ethics of reproductive technology, the ethics of various types of cloning (embryonic, therapeutic, reproductive), the ethics of the "recreational" use of neuro-pharmacology and the possibilities of a similar use of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS), end-of-life care, just allocation of resources, conflicts of interests, the application of novel technology in treatment, and ethical conduct of physicians. In research ethics topics often discussed include responsible conduct of research, informed consent, recruitment of participants, and protection of vulnerable participants in research.

Given the relevance of these ethical issues for any society, we decided to organize and host a conference on bioethics. This conference is to gather internationally prominent experts in the field of bioethics, as well as local experts both from the humanities and science. Furthermore, the conference is envisioned to provide an opportunity to foster academic debate in Serbia, and to draw upon international experience in the development of guidelines and policies for the ethical conduct of clinical medicine and scientific research.

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(New) Perspectives in Bioethics



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Thursday, 13 October

09.30 – 10:00 Opening addresses

Petar Bojanic

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10.00 – 12.00

Panel I: Enhancement and freedom: is better always good?

Poboljšanje i sloboda: da li je bolje uvek dobro?

Chair: Jovan Babic [Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Sarah Chan [School of Law, University of Manchester]

Papers:

John Harris [School of Law, University of Manchester]

Cognitive enhancement and freedom

James Hughes [Trinity College, Hartford Connecticut]

Defending cognitive liberty in a neurotech future

Stefan Sorgner [Department of Medical Ethics, University of Erlangen – Nurnberg]

Three types of freedom

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.30

Panel II: Cognitive and moral enhancement: what comes first?

Kognitivno i moralno poboljšanje: šta bi trebalo biti prvo?

Chair: Darko Polsek [Department of Philosophy, University of Zagreb]

Discussant: Don Marquis [Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas]

Papers:

Thomas Douglas [Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford]

Could a drug really make you more moral

Ingmar Persson [Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford]

Moral enhancement necessary to avert the threats of technological progress?

Vojin Rakic [Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade]

Cognitive enhancement as a means to moral enhancement

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 18:00

Panel III: The ethics of enhancement:

artificial means leading to more than health

Etika poboljšanja:

veštačka sredstva koja proizvode više od zdravlja?

Chair: Dragoslav Marinkovic [Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts]

Discussant: Katrien Devolder [Ghent University]

Papers:

Sarah Chan [School of Law, University of Manchester]

Neuroenhancement, new enhancement?

Nada Gligorov [Mount Sinai School of Medicine]

Seeking more than health: Using medicine for enhancement

Veselin Mitrovic [Department of Sociology,

Faculty of Philosophy University of Belgrade]

Epistemological and Social Implications of Enhancement

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 14 October

09.30 – 12.30

Panel IV: Procreation: how far does our freedom go?

Prokreacija: koliko daleko ide naša sloboda?

Chair: Vojin Rakic [Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Ingmar Persson [Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford]

Papers:

Don Marquis [Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas]

Four perspectives on abortion ethics

Friderik Klampfer [Department of Philosophy, University of Maribor]

Abortion and arguments from potentiality

Katrien Devolder [Ghent University]

Killing discarded IVF embryos for stem cells and the nothing-is-lost argument

Snježana Prijic – Samardžija [Faculty for Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka]

Moral status of contraception and openness to procreation

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Panel V: Bioethics and the extraordinary:

cloning, ectogenesis, rare diseases

Bioetika i neuobičajeno : kloniranje, ektogeneza, retke bolesti

Chair: Rada Drezgic [Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Darko Polsek [Department of Philosophy, University of Zagreb]

Papers:

Jovan Babic [Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade]

Moral aspects of ectogenesis

Elvio Baccarini [Department of Philosophy, University of Rijeka]

The liberal view on some common issues in the moral debate about cloning

Dusica Krajnovic [Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade]

Ethical Issues in rare disease therapy

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 19:00

Panel VI: Bioethics in a regional perspective

Bioetika u regionalnoj perspektivi

Chair: Predrag Krstic [Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Vladimir Milisavljevic [Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade]

Papers:

Dragoslav Marinkovic [Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts]

Serbian bioethics in an international perspective

Vladislav Stefanovic [Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts]

Medical ethics in health care institutions in Serbia

Karel Turza & Sandra Radenovic [Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade]

Bioethics and development of bioethical education

at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade

Iva Rincic & Amir Muzur [School of Medicine, University of Rijeka]

One name, two fathers, (too) many midwives:

The destinies of F. Jahr's and V. R. Potter's concepts of bioethics

19.30 Dinner

Saturday, 15 October

10:00 – 12.00

Panel VII: Pharmacology and stem cell therapy: moral limitations

Farmakologija i terapija matičnim ćelijama: moralna ograničenja

Chair: Eva Kamerer [Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Thomas Douglas [Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford]

Papers:

Reinoud de Jongh [Institute of Psvhology, Erasmus University]

Botox for the brain:

Possibilities and limitations of cognition-enhancing drugs

Zoran Todorovic [Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade]

Bioethical issues in the development of biopharmaceuticals

Nicolae-Ovidiu Grad [Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca]

Ethical aspects of stem cell therapy in critical limb ischemia

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00

Panel VIII: The moral and the legal in bioethics

Moralno i legalno u bioetici

Chair: Dusanka Krajnovic [Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Belgrade]

Discussant: Snježana Prijic – Samardžija [Faculty for Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy]

Papers:

Hajrija Mujovic Zornic [Institute for Social Sciences, University of Belgrade]

Challenges of traditional bioethical principles in the implementation of modern standards of medical law

Silvia Salardi [Department of Law and Economics, University of Bicocca]

The end-of-life debate in Italy: Some ethical legal concerns

Darko Polsek [Department of Philosophy, University of Zagreb]

Reflective Equilibrium" and bioethical principlism.

Bioethics as a proper medium between medicine and law

16:00–19:00 Guided sightseeing of Belgrade for participants of the conference

20:00 Farewell banquet for participants of the conference