

Venue



Registration

Due to limited space, registration is required by **May 1st, 2019**

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The workshop is free of cost, lunch on the 28th is included

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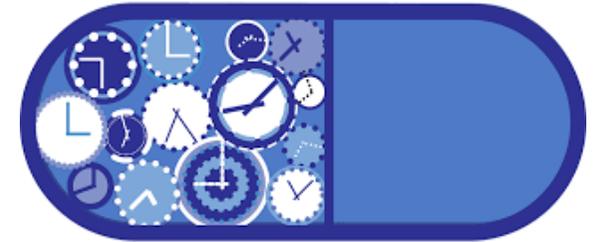
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Bioethics and Human Temporality

Perspectives from the Beginning,
Middle and End of Life



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ABOUT

The role of temporality in bioethical debates has long been neglected: What does it mean for bioethical reasoning that life is lived, experienced, and understood as a process in time with fundamental temporal characteristics such as directedness, irreversibility, or finality? What does it mean that life is traditionally interpreted in terms of a particular temporal structure and extension, including a sequence of phases or stages connected to different social roles, norms and expectations? What does it mean that certain medical interventions and accompanying moral questions and conflicts focus on particular points in life?

The lack of reflection on the relevance of human temporality becomes particularly salient in ethical discussions at the beginning and end of life. Many bioethical discussions on the beginning of life rest on moral assumptions about the development of human existence over time. An example are the debates on prenatal diagnosis and abortion and the underlying models of phases of embryonic/fetal development, or the bioethical discussions on informed consent and parental proxy decision making in the treatment of neonates. Bioethical debates on reproduction also exemplify the importance of temporality. For example, the common metaphor of the “biological clock” encompasses concerns about (reproductive) ageing and the finality of women’s reproduction. It thus raises questions regarding the legitimacy of reproductive technologies as medical solutions to reconcile the tension between “biological” and “social time”. Finally, medical interventions in the fields of geriatric medicine and biogerontology challenge common views of aging and the life course while promoting more ambitious standards of health, fitness, and functionality for later life. In addition, progress in therapies and end-of-life care blur the demarcation line between “standard” care and “exceptional”, life prolonging measures, and even between life and death.

This international and interdisciplinary workshop aims to discuss the role and relevance of temporality for ethical reasoning in the field of biomedicine, healthcare, and the life sciences at the beginning, middle and end of life. It aims to develop a more concrete, empirically informed and culturally sensitive perspective on bioethics and human temporality.

PROGRAM

DAY 1: Monday, May 27th 2019

- 11:30-12:00** Registration and coffee
- 12:00-12:30** Welcome and introduction – **Mark Schweda & Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty**

Session 1: Medical care and decision making at the beginning of life (Chair: Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty)

- 12:30-13:15** **Ari Schick** (the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)
Wellbeing and time: Toward a temporally extended conception of health
- 13:15-14:00** **Limor Meoded Danon** (the Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
Bio-politics, temporality and ambiguous bodies
- 14:00-14:45** **Solveig Lena Hansen** (University Medical Center Göttingen)
Narrating the ‘future self’: How the analysis of cloning novels can contribute to bioethics
- 14.45-15:15** **Coffee break**

Session 2: Reproduction, social freezing and the role of temporality (Chair: Mark Schweda)

- 15:15-16:00** **Nolwenn Bühler** (University of Lausanne and University of Neuchâtel)
Assisting fertility extension? The age limits of motherhood between nature, medicine, and society
- 16:00-16:45** **Claudia Bozzaro** (University of Freiburg)
Social-egg freezing as liberation from biological and social time constraints?

- 16:45-17:30** **Naomi Gershoni** (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)
The impact of extended reproductive time horizons: Evidence from Israel's expansion of access to IVF

- 17:30-18:15** **Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty** (University Medical Center Göttingen)
Reproductive temporalities – A comparative analysis of time constructions and the social practice of egg-freezing in Germany and Israel

- 19:00** **Contributors’ dinner**

DAY 2: Tuesday, May 28th 2019

Session 3: End of life care and decision making (Chair: Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty)

- 09:00-9:45** **Julia Perry** (University Medical Center Göttingen)
Advance research directives: Anticipating future research commitment in the context of dementia
- 9:45-10:30** **Mark Schweda** (University of Oldenburg) & **Karin Jongasma** (University Medical Center Utrecht)
Return to childhood? Against the infantilization of people with dementia
- 10:30-11:15** **Jozef Dorscheidt** (University of Groningen) ‘End-of-Life Decisions in Pediatrics; the Dutch health law perspective’
- 11:15-12:00** Open discussion / Wrap-up and closing remarks – **Mark Schweda & Nitzan Rimon-Zarfaty**
- 12:00-13:00** **Farewell lunch**