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Multicultural and Interreligious Perspectives on Informed Consent

6th International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop

On February 21-23, 2018, the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights will hold its 6th international workshop to discuss the issues of Informed Consent and Clinical Research. Being part of the i-Consent consortium, a project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program, the ethical reflection of the workshop will focus on the multicultural and interdisciplinary dimension of ethical requirements of informed consent applied to translational/clinical research and vaccination. The discussion will take place in the Aula Master of the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum in Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190 Rome.

Specific objectives

Improving the readability, design and obtaining process of consent forms taking into account the conscious and unconscious bias by the investigator as well as framing questions for a multi-layered informed consent review:

- Multicultural and religious variables for patient's understanding and communication
- Cross-cultural vision of vulnerability, knowledge, communication and empathy, adopting individualized approaches to promote health protective behaviors
- East/West – North/South perspectives

Public Session

On February 22nd there will be a Public Session in which the latest Springer Publication *Religious Perspectives on Bioethics and Human Rights* will be launched. The new volume is a product of the third international "[Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion](#)" workshop that was held in Hong Kong in 2013 to discuss the question of relationship between universal rights and cultural diversity. The Public Session will take place in the Aula Master of the Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum in Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190 Rome from 7pm to 8:30pm.

For further information and reservation: info@unescochair.org



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Attachment

Feb 20, Tuesday

Arrival
Welcoming dinner

Feb 21, Wednesday

8:00 Breakfast at hotel
9:00 Greetings by authorities and Introduction
Alberto Garcia, Gonzalo Miranda, Jesus Villagrasa.
10:00 Multiculturalism, Religion and Informed Consent: Mirko Garasic
11:00 Coffee break
11:30 UDBHR and informed consent: Dafna Feinholz
12:15 Informed Consent: From Autonomous to Relational self:
Marie-Catherine Letendre, Joseph Tham
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Buddhism: Ellen Zhang
16:00 Coffee break
16:30 Christianity: Laura Palazzani
18:00 Break
19:00 Dinner in Rome

Feb 22, Thursday

8:00 Breakfast at hotel
9:00 Confucianism: Ruiping Fan
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 Hinduism: John Lunstroth
12:30 Departure for lunch and cultural activity
19:00 Public session: Religion, Human Rights and Informed Consent
Ellen Zhang, Marta Tarasco, Ruiping Fan, John Lunstroth, Aasim Padela, David Heyd
Moderators: Joseph Tham and Mirko Garasic
20:30 Refreshment / Cocktail

Feb 23, Friday



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8:00 Breakfast at hotel
9:00 Islam: Aasim Padela
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 Judaism: David Heyd
12:30 Break
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Conclusion
16:00 Farewell and departure

Participants

- Dafna Feinholz, UNESCO, Paris
- Ellen Zhang, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong
- Aasim Padela, University of Chicago, USA
- Ruiping Fan, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- David Heyd, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Laura Palazzani, LUMSA, Rome
- Martha Tarasco, Anáhuac University, Mexico City
- John Lunstroth, University of Houston, USA
- Alberto Garcia, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, Rome
- Gonzalo Miranda, School of Bioethics, Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- Joseph Tham, School of Bioethics, Regina Apostolorum, Rome
- Mirko Garasic, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, Rome