

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUMMER COURSE PROGRAM IN BIOETHICS 2023**  
***Dialogue, Friendship, and Polarization in Bioethics***

Rome, July 3 – 7, 2023

*ACADEMIC GOALS OF THE LECTURES*  
*KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS*

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- I. Identify current issues of tensions in bioethics.
- II. Analyze the causes of tensions and polarizations in bioethics.
- III. Design proposals for solidarity, dialogue, and social friendship in the field of bioethics.

Each day is arranged around a category of polarizing issues in bioethics. The coordinators of the day are responsible for facilitating group dynamics that will enable the students to achieve the three main learning outcomes through a small group discussion of the day's main issues. The coordinators should also work with the invited keynote speaker to connect the lecture with the student group work. Further, the coordinators should assign required readings for the students and develop an assessment to measure their achievement of the learning outcomes.

Day	Schedule	Topic	Speaker	Learning Outcomes for students
		<b>Polarization and Friendship in Political Discussions about Bioethics</b>		
Mon July 3	10:00-12:00	UNESCO visit	Fr. Gonzalo Miranda, Alberto García	Understand the mission and role of UNESCO in dialogue on bioethical issues
	15:00-15:15	Welcome and Introduction to the Summer Course.	Alberto García	Understand the mission of the Faculty of Bioethics and the course: objectives, general structure and learning outcome.
	15:15-16:15	Keynote lecture: Polarization, Friendship, and Bioethics in light of <i>Fratelli Tutti</i>	Laura Palazzani (Ordinario di Filosofia del Diritto all'Università 'Lumsa' di Rome; membro ordinario della Pontificia Accademia per la Vita)	-Understand the principles for collaboration outlined in <i>Fratelli tutti</i> . -Judge general causes for polarization over bioethical issues -Propose approaches to fruitful collaboration on divisive bioethical issues in light of <i>Fratelli tutti</i> .
	16:15-16:30	Break I		
	16:30-17:30	Keynote lecture: An overview of polarizing bioethical themes in contemporary politics	Laura Palazzani (Ordinario di Filosofia del Diritto all'Università 'Lumsa' di Rome; membro ordinario della Pontificia Accademia per la Vita)	-Understand the main polarizing bioethical issues in contemporary political discourse. -Judge causes for political polarization over bioethical issues -Propose approaches to fruitful political collaboration on divisive bioethical issues.
	17:30-17:45	Break II		
	17:45-18:15	Introduction to the small group activities for the next morning	Fabio Persano, Alberto García	

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		<b>Lessons Learned about Bioethical Polarization and Friendship from the Covid-19 Pandemic</b>		
Tues July 4	15:00-16:00	Presentations of the summaries of the small group activities		
	16:00-16:15	Break I		
	16:15-17:15	Keynote lecture: Learning from the Covid-19 How to Dialogue	Fr. Joseph Tham, Fr. Francisco Ballesta	-Understand the areas of bioethical tension during the Covid-19 pandemic and how to dialogue about responses to future pandemics -Judge the strengths and weaknesses of arguments surrounding divisive approaches to various vaccines. -Design principles of a public health care system equipped to provide timely and equitable attention to vulnerable groups.
	17:15-17:30	Break II		
	17:30-18:15	Introduction to the small group activities for the next morning	Fr. Joseph Tham, Fr. Francisco Ballesta	

Day	Schedule	Topic	Speaker	Learning Outcomes for students
		<b>Achieving Justice for Mother and Child in the Abortion Debate</b>		
Wed July 5	15:00-16:00	Presentations of the summaries of the small group activities		
	16:00-16:15	Break I		
	16:15-17:15	Keynote lecture: Identifying and overcoming polarizing categories related to the abortion debate	Charles Camosy [online] (Professor of Medical Humanities at the Creighton University School of Medicine)	-Understand the history and the implications of the rhetoric surrounding the abortion debate. -Distinguish between helpful and unhelpful approaches to women in difficult pregnancy situations. -Propose initiatives that contribute to a culture of life that cherishes children and supports women.
	17:15-17:30	Break II		
	17:30-18:15	Introduction to the small group activities for the next morning	Fr. Michael Baggot, Melissa Maioni	

Day	Schedule	Topic	Speaker	Learning Outcomes for students
		<b>Polarizing Bioethical Issues in the World of Communications</b>		
Thurs July 6	15:00-16:00	Presentations of the summaries of the small group activities		
	16:00-16:15	Break I		
	16:15-17:15	Keynote lecture: Speaking the truth in love in polarized communications settings	Andrea Tornielli (direttore editoriale del Dicastero per la comunicazione)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Indicate how social communications and how such social communications can contribute to polarizing discussions of bioethical issues</li> <li>-Judge which approaches of social communications foster polarization or dialogue in bioethical debates.</li> <li>-Proposal models for social communication of bioethical themes that promote constructive dialogue on controversial bioethical issues.</li> </ul>
	17:15-17:30	Break II		
	17:30-18:15	Introduction to the small group activities for the next morning	Fr. Gonzalo Miranda, Massimo Losito	

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		<b>Conclusions</b>		
Fri July 7	15:00-16:00	Presentations of the summaries of the small group activities		
	16:00-16:15	Break		
	16:15-17:15	Concluding Address with questions and answers	Mons. Renzo Pegoraro (Cancelliere della Pontificia Accademia per la vita)	-Understand the role of the PAV in fostering dialogue -Reflect on approaches to constructive dialogue about controversial bioethical themes -Imitate successful examples of fruitful dialogue
	17:30-18:00	<i>Course Exam</i>		
	18:00-18:30	<i>Exam review and certificates</i>	Fr. Michael Baggot	