

# Bioethics in society. The challenges of a complicated but necessary relationship

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During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have observed an increasing interest, within the public discourse, on many ethically relevant issues, such as the allocation of health care resources in emergency contexts, the substantial limitation of personal rights for the collective well-being, the allocation of vaccines, the communication of medical and scientific information to the lay public, and disagreement among experts. While, on the one hand, the emergence of these issues has underlined the need for bioethical reflection in our society, along with the conceptual tools to address complex ethical issues, on the other hand, this phenomenon has highlighted how difficult it is for bioethicists to effectively contribute to collective decisions.

People struggle to conceive bioethics as a practical discipline and to understand its real usefulness. Nowadays, bioethics remains mainly an academic subject confined to theoretical reflection. However, this seems to be in contrast with the very meaning of bioethics which, since its foundation, has aimed to provide practical tools for personal and collective decisions related to the challenges of medicine and scientific progress. In the light of this scenario, there is a need to think about bioethics and its (putative) role in nowadays society.

The Research Center for Clinical Ethics (CREC) of the University of Insubria, would like to invite to participate in a fall school to deal with the aforementioned questions.

More specifically, the school is structured as follows. After an introductory class on the role that bioethical reflection should theoretically play in society, we will offer classes to address what bioethics currently is and the relationship between bioethics and other disciplines such as medicine, law, and politics. These analyses are important for understanding the role and spaces that bioethical reflections – should – have in practical contexts such as clinical practice, ethics committees, and policy-making.

Second, we will address the role of bioethics and the influence of bioethical reflection across different countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Italy. By doing so, participants will be able to appreciate similarities and differences among different countries, to grasp how bioethics should deal with the pluralism of values in contemporary societies, and the relationship between bioethics and public and private institutions.

Finally, we will propose a final reflection on the future perspectives of the relationship between society and bioethics, trying to identify the necessary steps to enhance the practical role of ethical and bioethical reflection. Aside from keynote lectures (two per day), we will propose group activities and discussion of the participants' papers.



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## Keynote speakers

1. **Alberto Giubilini**, Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, University of Oxford, UK.
2. **Arthur Caplan** (online), Professor of Bioethics, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, USA.
3. **Bobbie Farsides**, Professor of Clinical and Biomedical Ethics, University of Sussex, UK.
4. **Chris Gastmans**, Professor of Bioethics, KU Leuven, BE.
5. **Giulia Cavaliere**, Lecturer in Medical Law and Ethics, King's College, London, UK.
6. **Massimo Reichlin**, Professor of Bioethics and Moral Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, IT.
7. **Stefano Semplici**, Professor of Social Ethics, University of Rome "Tor Vergata", IT.





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## Research Center for Clinical Ethics (CREC)

Since its foundation in 2016, the Research Center for Clinical Ethics (CREC) promotes the study of bioethics and clinical ethics, through research, training and consultancy activities in the university and hospital environment. Over these five years, the center has become a national landmark for the study of ethical issues in medicine.

The CREC is one of the promoters of the PhD Program in Clinical and Experimental Medicine and Medical Humanities, University of Insubria, Varese, and – within this doctoral program – it is responsible for the Medicine and Human Sciences track. The CREC is a member of the European Association of Centers for Medical Ethics' (EACME) bureau and, from the 15th to the 17th of September 2022, it will host the EACME Annual Conference in Varese.



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## Program

	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
<b>Morning 1</b>	Keynote: <i>What is Bioethics and what should it be? The role of philosophical reflection for better bioethics and a better society</i> ( <b>Massimo Reichlin</b> )	Keynote: <i>Bioethical expertise</i> ( <b>Giulia Cavaliere</b> )	Keynote: <i>Bioethics in UK society</i> ( <b>Bobbie Farsides</b> )	<i>The role of bioethical reflection in a pluralistic society</i> ( <b>roundtable with keynote speakers</b> )	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (8)
	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
<b>Morning 2</b>	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (1)	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (4)	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (6)	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (7)	Keynote: <i>The future of Bioethics in Society</i> ( <b>Bobbie Farsides</b> )
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
<b>Afternoon 1</b>	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (2)	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (5)	Keynote: <i>Bioethics in Belgian society</i> ( <b>Chris Gastmans</b> )	Keynote: <i>Bioethics, law and policies in Italy</i> ( <b>Stefano Semplici</b> )	
	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
<b>Afternoon 2</b>	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (3)	Keynote: (online): <i>Bioethics in US society</i> ( <b>Arthur Caplan</b> )	Keynote: <i>Bioethics, society and controversial ideas</i> ( <b>Alberto Giubilini</b> )	Group activities/Discussing participants' papers (6)	

Download the detailed program: [Program Bioethics in Society](#)

Please note: Each speaker will have 35 minutes: indicatively, 28 mins for the presentation and 7 mins for questions. Speakers will present their papers through an oral presentation. Slides are not mandatory but highly recommended. It is not required to distribute the papers beforehand: it is at the speaker's discretion.