

The Ethics of Complex Global Health Challenges: Practice and Theory in Dialogue

Workshop, Medical Foundation Building Auditorium (G60), University of Sydney
92-94 Parramatta Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

2nd-3rd March 2017. 9.00-17.00 on 2nd and 9.00-12.00 on 3rd.



This exploratory workshop **“Ethics of complex global health challenges: Practice and Theory in Dialogue”** will be organized in dialogue form around the central question: *How should evolving theories of global justice and global health ethics be put into practice in the face of current and future complex global challenges?*

There will be three sections. The first section will allow stakeholders with field experience to present evidence and experiences about their area of expertise (Case 1: Humanitarian Aid during Pandemics; Case 2: Migration and Health; Case 3: Organ Collection in China). The stakeholders will present the potential ethical challenges and what, in their view, an “ethics/justice expert” could ideally contribute.

The second section will take stock of academic debates about global justice and global health ethics. The presenters from these disciplines will describe the relationship of normative theories to such possible practical challenges. The discussion will focus on the potential impact of concrete practical problems to the development of theories, and the challenges that come with it.

The third section will focus on dialogue and will aim at identifying measures to be developed further or undertaken to reduce possible gaps between ethical theory and practice. There will be a particular focus on responding to pressing real-life challenges within a context of increasing populist dynamics and nationalist interests, instead of international, cosmopolitan perspectives.

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Program

Thursday, March 2nd 2017

9.00 Welcome and introduction

Section 1. *Practical perspectives: Field challenges*

Case 1: *Global reactions to pandemics*. Christian Janke (Commanding Officer of the German Armed Forces Outbreak Response Mission in Liberia during the 2014/15 Ebola outbreak in West Africa)

10.30 Coffee break

Case 2: *Health of asylum seekers and refugees in Australia*. Ryan Essex (University of Sydney)

Case 3: *Organ collection in China*. Wendy Rogers (Macquarie University)

Discussion

12.45 Lunch break

13.45 Section 2. Panel on *Theoretical perspectives: Global justice and global health ethics*

Statements by *Gillian Brock* (University of Auckland) on Theories of global justice; by *Angus Dawson* (University of Sydney) on The field of global health ethics; by *Jan-Christoph Heilinger* (LMU Munich) on Individual responsibility and global structural injustice; by *Verina Wild* (LMU Munich) on Bridging theoretical and practical approaches in complex global health challenges; and per video conference by *Marion Danis* (NIH) on Economic Growth and well-being; and *Eszter Kollar* (University of Frankfurt) on *Three pictures of global health justice*.

Gillian Brock: *Theories of global justice*

Angus Dawson: *Global health ethics*

Verina Wild: *Bridging theoretical and practical approaches in global health ethics*

Jan-Christoph Heilinger: *Individual responsibility and global structural injustice*

Marion Danis (video conference): *Social determinants of health and the role of markets*

15.30 Coffee break

Discussion

17.00 End of day 1

Conference dinner: *Green Mushroom*, Glebe Point Rd

Friday, March 3rd 2017

9.30 Section 3: Plenary discussion: Conceptual insights and steps forward

Keith Horton (University of Wollongong): Summary of day one and reflections

Definition of themes for breakout sessions

Breakout sessions

Plenary discussion, steps forward

12.00 End of workshop