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10th International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop and Symposium

An Interreligious and Multicultural Perspective on The Nature of Medicine and the Role of Physicians

Madrid, Spain, December 17-19, 2024

Monday 16 December, 2024

20:00 Reception cocktail

Tuesday 17 December, 2024

9:00-9:30 Welcome addresses

- María Lacalle, Instituto Razón Abierta, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (5 min)
- Ellena Postigo, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (5 min)
- Alberto Garcia, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights (5 min)
- Joseph Tham, workshop coordinator (10 min)

9:30 – 10:30 Keynote lectures

- Renzo Pegoraro, Pontifical Academy for Life, Vatican.
 - o History and anthropology of Western medicine (30 min)
- Avraham Steinberg, Co-chairman of the Israeli National Council on Bioethics
 - o Jewish medical tradition (30 min)

10:30-11:30 Round Table: Jewish tradition

- John Appleby, Response to Steinberg and Jonathan Halevy (15 min)
- Q&A (45 min)

11:30 -12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:15 Round Table: Islamic medical tradition

- Aasim Padela, Islamic medicine (15 min)

- Vardit Ravitsky, response to Padela (15 min)
- Q&A (45 min)

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:15 Round Table: Ayurvedic and homeopathic medicine

- RR Kishore, Ayurvedic Indian tradition (15 min)
- Paul Macneill, response to Kishore (15 min)
- John Lunstroth, Homeopathy (15 min)
- Luzita Ball, Response to Lunstroth (15 min)
- Q&A (75 min)

16:15-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-18:00 Round Table: Buddhist medicine

- Ellen Zhang, Tibetan Buddhism (15 min)
- David Barr, response to Zhang (15 min)
- Q&A (45 min)

18:00 Free evening

Wednesday 18 December, 2024

9:00-10:30 Keynote speakers

- Henk Ten Have, Former director of UNESCO Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Technology
 - The Colors of Bioethics (30 min)
- Nancy Jecker, Former president, International Association of Bioethics
 - Global Bioethics: Religion Welcome Here (30 min)
- Q&A (30 min)

10:30- 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:15 Round Table: Western medicine

- David Heyd, Greek – Platonic tradition (15 min)
- Laura Palazzani, response to Heyd (15 min)
- Chris Durante, Greco-Roman Christian influence (15 min)
- Jonathan Chan, response to Durante (15 min)
- Q&A (75 min)

13:15-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:45 Round Table: Traditional Chinese medicine

- Edmund Kwok, "Traditional Chinese Medicine in Colonial Hong Kong: Social Resilience In Defiance of Orientalism" (15 min)
- Roland Chia, response to Kwok (15 min)
- Ruiping Fan, Ethos of a Confucian physician (15 min)
- Soraj Hongladarom, response to Fan (15 min)
- Q&A (75 min)

17.00-18.00 Public Discussion: "Traditional vs Western medicines"

Panelists:

- Renzo Pecoraro (Western)
- Edmund Kwok (Chinese)
- Aasim Padela (Islam)
- Jonathan Halevy (Jewish)
- Martha Tarasco (Indigenous)

Moderator: Fr. Joseph Tham

19:00 Gala Dinner

Thursday 19 December, 2024

9:00-11:15 Round Table: Indigenous medicine

- Martha Tarasco, Nahua medicine (15 min)
- Wenjing Zhao, response to Tarasco (15 min)
- Walter Jaoko, African – indigenous medicine / Shamanism (15 min)
- Jonathan Crane, response to Jaoko (15 min)
- Q&A (75 min)

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:30 Workshop wrap-up

- Questions and Answers.
- Conclusions.
- Conversation and topic discussion for our next workshop

12:30- 21:00 Transport to Toledo for lunch and cultural visit