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Cordially invites you to attend the international colloquium on

BEGINNING AND END OF LIFE

Questioning Law and Bioethics

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May 2018

Gulbenkian Amphitheater, Social Sciences Campus
Saint-Joseph University of Beirut, Huvelin street, Ashrafieh, Beirut

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WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018

10.00-10.15 AM

Opening Session

Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (USJ),
Director of CEDROMA

Léna GANNAGÉ, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science (USJ)

BIOETHICS AT THE CROSSROADS OF DISCIPLINES

10.15-11.30 AM

Bioethics through Medical and Human Sciences

Moderator: Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political
Science, (USJ), Director of CEDROMA

Does Bioethics Still Make Sense? Ethics, Bioethics and Medical Ethics

Roland TOMB, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Saint Joseph University, President of the
Department of Bioethics, Member of the Lebanese National Consultative Committee of Bioethics,
Former Rapporteur of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC), Member of
the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

Bioethics and Cultural Diversity. Could we Consider an Ethnomedical Ethics?

Chantal BOUFFARD, Ph.D. in Medical, Social and Cultural Anthropology (Laval University,
Quebec, Canada), Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Pediatrics
Department, Service of Genetics (University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada)

Discussions

11.30-11.45 AM

Coffee Break

11.45 AM-1.00 PM

Bioethics through Religious Sciences

Moderator: Antoine COURBAN, Surgeon, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of Saint Joseph University, Former Head of the Department of Medicine and Humanities, Former Member of the Ethics Committee (USJ), Member of the Georges Canguilhem Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, Paris-Diderot

Bioethics: Transformation or Reparation?

Tareq OUBROU, Grand Imam of Bordeaux, Rector of the Great Mosque of Bordeaux

Bioethics and Revealed Religions

Samir Khalil SAMIR s.j., Catholic Theologian, Islamologist, founder of the Centre for Arab Christian Research (Cairo, Egypt)

Discussions

THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

2.30-3.45 PM

The Status of the Human Embryo

Moderator: Adnan MROUEH, Professor of Gynecology-Obstetrics and Former Dean at the Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut (AUB), President of the Lebanese National Consultative Committee of Bioethics, Former Minister of Health

The Problematic Issue of Abortion in the United States

Elisabeth ZOLLER, Professor of Public Law at Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II), Visiting Professor at the Maurer School of Law, Indiana University- Bloomington (USA)

The Status of the Human Embryo in Lebanese Law

Roula EL-HUSSEINI BEGDACHE, Professor at the Lebanese University, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University, Attorney-at-law with the Beirut Bar Association

Discussions

3.45-6.30 PM

Reproduction, Infertility and Filiation

Moderator: Léna GANNAGÉ, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University

3.45-5.00 PM

Assisted Reproduction and Filiation Law

Anne-Marie LEROYER, Professor at the University of Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris I), Rapporteur of the working group on “Filiation, Origins, Parenthood: the Law Facing the New Values of Generational Responsibility”

Bioethics and Private International Law: International Recognition of Filiation in Surrogacy

Vincent HEUZÉ, Professor at the Panthéon-Sorbonne University (Paris I), posted at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Saint Joseph University

Discussions

5.00-5.15 AM

Coffee Break

5.15-6.30 PM

Preimplantation and Prenatal Diagnosis, Eugenics and Transhumanism: Should we Fear Abuses?

René FRYDMAN, Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Obstetrician-Gynecologist, Former Member of the French National Consultative Committee of Bioethics and of the National Consultative Commission on Human Rights

Jean-Michel BESNIER, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the Paris-Sorbonne University and Director of the Research Centre “Connected Health, Augmented Human” at the Institute of Communication Sciences (National Council for Scientific Research- CNRS), Member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Higher Studies for Science and Technology

Discussions

THURSDAY 17 MAY 2018

THE END OF LIFE

10.00-11.15 AM Mortem and post-mortem...

Moderator: Antoine KHAIR, Honorary First President of the Court of Cassation, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Saint Joseph University, Member of the Constitutional Council, Member of the Lebanese National Consultative Committee of Bioethics

Care Refusal for Personal Beliefs Facing the Risk of Death

Mathieu MAISONNEUVE, Posted Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University

Posthumous Bioethics: Hubris Unrestrained?

Thalia AL ARAWI, Clinical Bioethicist and Founding Director of Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program, American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine and Medical Centre, Member of the Lebanese National Consultative Committee of Bioethics

Discussions

11.15-11.30 AM Coffee Break

11.30 AM-3.45 PM End-of-Life Decisions and Human Dignity

Moderator: Michel SCHEUER s.j., Honorary President of the University of Namur (Belgium), Vice-President of Saint Joseph University, Director of the University Center for Ethics, President of the Research Ethics Committee at Saint Joseph University and of the Medical Ethics Committee at Hôtel-Dieu de France (Beirut), Member of the Lebanese National Consultative Committee of Bioethics

11.30 AM-1.00 PM

End of Life in French Law

François VIALLA, Professor at the University of Montpellier (France), Director of the European Centre for Studies and Research "Law and Health", Member of the College of the High Council of Public Health, Member of the Orientation Council of the Occitan Regional Ethics Forum

Passive Euthanasia, Active Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: the Medical Liability with respect to End-of-Life in Tunisian Law

Monia BEN JEMIA, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Political and Social Sciences of Tunis, University of Carthage

Discussions

2.30-3.45 PM

Life-Stopping of Minor Children: a Belgium-Lebanese Comparative Look

Carlo AKATCHERIAN, Pediatrician, Professor of Medicine, Collaborating Member of the French National Academy of Medicine

Jacques FIERENS, Professor at the University of Namur, Attorney-at-law with the Brussels Bar Association, Member of the Consultative Committee of Bioethics (Belgium), Member of the Scientific Council and of the Ethics Committee of the Birth and Childhood Agency

Discussions

3.45-4.00 PM

Coffee Break

4.00-5.30 PM CONCLUDING SESSION: BIOETHICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Moderator: Ibrahim NAJJAR, Honorary Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Saint Joseph University, Attorney-at-law with the Beirut Bar Association, Former Minister of Justice

The Effectiveness of International Rules on Bioethics

Christian BYK, Judge at the Court of Appeal of Paris, President of the International Association Law, Ethics and Science, Editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Bioethics, President of the Ethics of Science Committee of the French National Committee for UNESCO, President of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

From Bioethics to Biolaw, State Intrusion into Life and Death

Lara KARAM BOUSTANY, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint-Joseph University

Fundamental Rights and Bioethics: What is the Extent of Individual Autonomy?

Xavier BIOY, Professor of Public Law at the University of Toulouse 1, Member of the Maurice Hauriou Institute

Discussions

FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018 FROM 9.30 AM TO 1.30 PM

**Workshops not open to the public
Restricted to the members of the Cedroma Research Group
on “Law and Bioethics in the Arab world”**

Introduction

Marie-Claude NAJM KOBEH, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University, Director of CEDROMA

State and non-State sources of the Law on Bioethics

Presentation: Kamel SAIDI, Lecturer at the University of Paris 8 Vincennes Saint Denis, Visiting Professor at the University of Tlemcen, Algeria

Moderator-debater: Nadi ABI RACHED, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University

Ethics Committees: Nature, Composition, and Independence vis-à-vis Political and Religious Authorities

Presentation: Fawaz SALEH, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Damascus University, Attorney-at-law with the Damascus Bar Association, General Secretary of the Syrian Bioethics Committee, Former Member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

Moderator-debater: Youmna MAKHLOUF, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University

Abortion

Presentation: Sonia ELLEUCH MALLEK, Professor at the College of Law, University of Qatar

Session’s Moderator-debater: Yassir AL IFTAIHAT, Associate Professor at the College of Law, Al-Ghurair University, Dubai

End-of-life Decisions

Presentation: Reem RASLAN, Ph.D. of the Faculty of Law, Marburg University, Germany, LLM Harvard Law School, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, Egypt -

Anis LAADHAR, Lecturer at the College of Science and Humanities (Law Department), Al-Majmaah University, Al-Ghat, Saudi Arabia

Moderator-debater: Samia NASSAR ASMAR, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Saint Joseph University

Conclusions and Recommendations of the Research Group

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