

Fortnightly Digest by



Digest 61



Warm greetings!

We are pleased to bring you this fortnightly digest from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* (IJME).

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## Newsletter Spotlight 1

### [Toxic dust and forgotten lessons](#)

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*IJME Oct-Dec 2023 issue is now live*



The *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* brings to you the [forth issue of the year](#).

The instant incineration into dust of thousands of people, animals, plants and homes in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, and the decades-long suffering of the survivors seems to have been forgotten. Medical professionals seek to jog public memory, especially that of world leaders, to heed the frightening threat of a nuclear disaster. An editorial — published in 100+ biomedical journals — a comment, and a review in this issue deal with the threat.

An editorial exposes a second threat — the proposed lowering of anaemia cutoffs in India — with long-term implications for the health of the most deprived women and children.

Other articles draw our attention to ethics in the functioning of community health programmes, verdicts against medical negligence, and the impact of funding on Covid trial results.

This last issue of 2023 also has commentaries on a perceived lack in the Global Mental Health Movement, grave abuses in the name of “conversion therapy”, and whether the mushrooming internet is a boon or bane for healthcare. Two case studies uncover the complex nature of family dynamics and the consequent challenges for researcher-clinicians.

Two equally interesting and heated debates — one on what constitutes reliable data, the other on basic principles in Ayurveda — continue in the journal.

We are also pleased to bring to you a report on the editorial titled [“Reducing the risks of nuclear war — the role of health professionals”](#) published in the Oct-Dec 2023 issue of the IJME, along with 153 journals across the world. The report has been put together by one of the authors of the editorial, Dr Chris Zielinski, for IPPNW and WAME. We hope you find the report insightful and further help appreciate the significance of this initiative of publishing editorials on this issue of global concern simultaneously in wide ranging journals from across the world.

[Report on the editorial](#)  
[“Reducing the risks of nuclear war—the role of health professionals”](#)

Chris Zielinski, 6 October 2023

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**Announcement from the local and global peer community**

**Forthcoming conferences and webinar**

[13th edition of the RightsCon Summit Series to be held in South Korea](#) | RightsCon | February 2025

[Coercive and punitive economic measures & Sexual Rights](#) | SRI Conversations | October 27, 2023 | 15:00 to 16:30 CET



[Save the Date – Decolonising Global Health: from discourse to practice](#) | Geneva Graduate Institute, Global Health Centre | Oct 25, 2023 | 15:00 – 16:15 CEST

[Pandemics: History, Ethics, and Policy](#) | Humanistic Medicine Program Seminar | NYU Grossman School of Medicine | October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8, 2023 | 5:30-7pm (New York time)

[The Role of Academic Global Health: Reckoning with Our Past, Present, and Future](#) | BU School of Public Health | Wednesday, October 18, 2023 | 1:00-2:30 pm ET

[Cancer and Severe Mental Illness: Navigating the Syndemic Challenges](#) | Oyedieji Ayonrinde | 42nd Annual Philippa Harris Lecture on Bioethical Issues in Cancer Care | October 18th, 2023 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM (EST)

[42nd Annual Philippa Harris Lecture on Bioethical Issue in Cancer Care](#) | UHN Bioethics and the JCB | Oct 18, 2023 | 9:30 pm – 11:00 pm IST

The poster features a dark blue background with a faint map of Europe. On the left side, there are decorative white concentric circles. The main text is in white and yellow. At the bottom right, there are two logos: 'THE GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK' and 'EPIDEMIC ETHICS'.

**Epidemic Ethics invites you to a new virtual seminar on Europe**

16th October 2023, 1.00-2.00 PM (London time)

This seminar is part of a new series spotlighting some of the complex and unique ethical challenges affecting specific regions of the world in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as future priorities in relation to epidemic and pandemic prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Featuring chair Prof. Michael Parker, and panelists, Prof. Signe Mežinska, Prof. Siobhan O'Sullivan and Prof. Maria do Céu Patrão

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THE GLOBAL HEALTH NETWORK  
EPIDEMIC ETHICS

[Epidemic Ethics Regional Webinar: Europe](#) | The Global Health Network, Epidemic Ethics | Oct 16, 2023 | 5:30 pm in India

#### **Concluded conferences and webinar**

[Bioethics and Global Health: In Search of Common Ground](#) | Black and Brown in Bioethics | Sep 13, 2023

[What the Hell is an “Expert?”](#) | Jamie Carlin Watson | Scott Carney | Sep 12, 2023

[Welcome and Conference Opening](#) | Claire Redhead, Executive Director, OASPA | OASPA 2023 Conference on Open Scholarship | Sept 19, 2023

#### **Books/Reports**

**WHO tool for benchmarking  
ethics oversight of health-related  
research involving human  
participants**



[WHO tool for benchmarking ethics oversight of health-related research involving human participants](#) | World Health Organization

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[Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Medicine](#) | Kristien Hens & Andreas De Block (Eds)



**Ethics of**  
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[Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies: An Introduction](#) | Ibo van de Poel, Lily Eva Frank, Julia Hermann, Jeroen Hopster, Dominic Lenzi, Sven Nyholm, Benham Taebi, Elena Ziliotti (Eds)

## Podcasts

[Teaching about Institutional Racism with Dr Keisha Ray](#) | Aug 28, 2023 | Episode S05 E01 | Duration 44:19

[Technology Ethics Podcast](#) | John Danaher and Sven Nyholm

[FAB Gab](#) | The Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics | Sep 21, 2023

## Request for Information

[Environmental Justice Research Gaps, Opportunities and Capacity Building](#) | Deadline: December 15, 2023

## Call for Papers / Abstracts / Proposals

[Advancing a plural, reflective and inclusive Psychology through feminist mentoring Special Issue of "Feminism & Psychology"](#) | Deadline for submitting Expression of Interest: December 1, 2023 | Deadline for submission of full papers: August 1, 2024

[Priorities 2024](#) | Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), Ministry of Public Health, Thailand | May 8-10, 2024 | Deadline for submitting proposals and abstracts: October 31, 2023

[8th World Congress on Research Integrity \(Hybrid\)](#) | Megaron Athens International Conference Centre (MAICC) | Athens – Greece | June 2-5, 2024 | Deadline for Abstracts & Travel Grants: October 17, 2023 | Early Bird Deadline: March 15, 2024

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## Capacity strengthening in bioethics and its sub-fields: Enquires for short-duration intensive training program

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