

Fortnightly Digest by



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**Warm greetings and a Happy New Year** to all our readers from the Health, Ethics and Law Institute (HEaL Institute) and the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* (IJME).

We are pleased to bring you the first fortnightly digest of the year 2024.

We thank you for your continued support over the past years. The Digest has received tremendous support from our well-wishers, readers, peers and from the bioethics community in large. We strive to bring to you more updates through different sections such as forthcoming conferences, webinars and seminars; links to recordings of concluded events; publications, reports and guidelines on bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes from academic, popular press; vacancies available in the field; and calls for submissions and applications.

Relevant updates in bioethics, human rights, and law; feedback from our readers; and request to add emails of your peers and friends to our mailing list, can be mailed to us at [fmes.digest@gmail.com](mailto:fmes.digest@gmail.com).

We wish you a healthy and peaceful year ahead.

**FMES Team**

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**Online First from *IJME***

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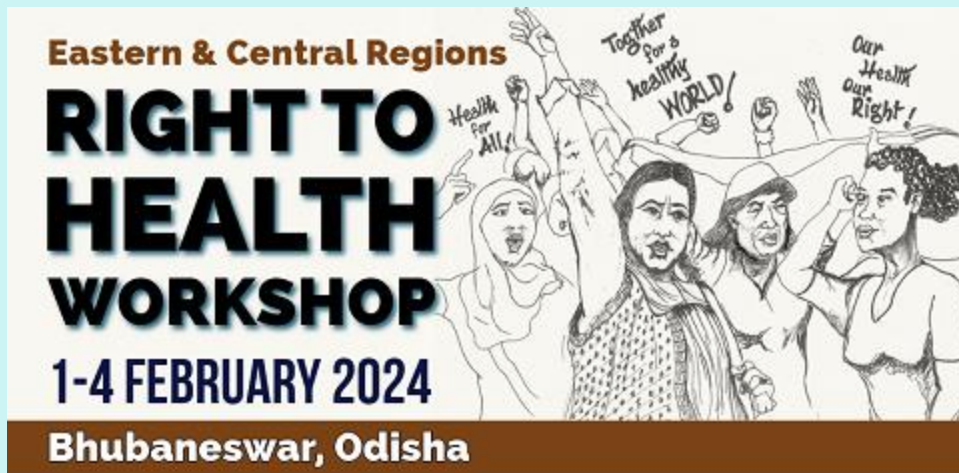
## **Announcement from the local and global peer community**

### **Forthcoming conferences and webinar**



[Save the Date : The 16th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law](#) | Brazilian Federal Council of Medicine | Brasília | July 24-26, 2024

[Hot Topics in Research Ethics – Research Ethics During War](#) | Master of Health Research Ethics (MOHRE) programme at Universiti Malaya | February 14, 2024 | 05:30 AM (IST)



[Right to Health Workshop: Eastern & Central Regions](#) | O.P. Jindal Global University and All India People Science Network (AISPN) | Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India | February 1-4, 2024

[Intersex Does Not Refute The Sex Binary](#) | Rashad Rehman | Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto | February 1, 2024 | 4 – 5 pm ET

[The Complex Systems View of AI Ethics – Prof Tina Eliassi-Rad](#) | University of Toronto & Data Sciences Institute | January 22, 2024 | 11 am – 12 pm EST



**AN OUT AND ABOUT EVENT**

# **LOVE, DESIRE, AND IDENTITY ACE-ARO STORIES**

**Join us for an enlightening and inclusive afternoon at Dialogue Cafe in Bangalore, Koramangala, on January 20th, starting at 1 PM. Our panel discussion focuses on the Ace-aro (Asexual - Aromantic) community—a rich tapestry of diverse identities and orientations that are often underrepresented in the broader queer movement.**

**DIALOGUES CAFE,  
KORAMANGALA  
20TH JAN, 2024  
STARTS AT 1 PM**

**INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES | OPEN MIC | PERFORMANCES**

*voluntary entry fee: no fixed amount*

[Love, Desire, and Identity: Acearo Stories and Perspectives](#) | An Out and About Event | Dialogue Cafe in Bangalore, Koramangala | January 20, 2024 | 1-5 pm IST

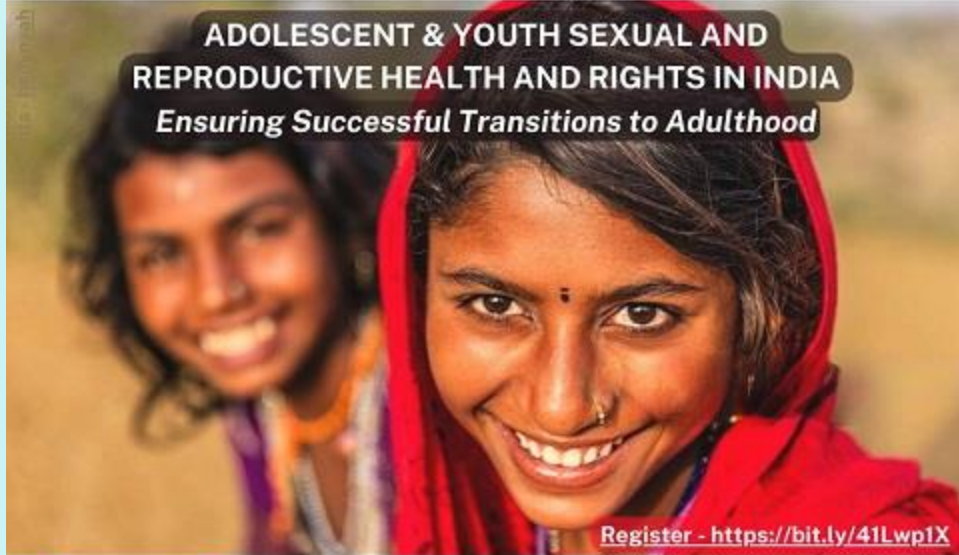
[Constructing an Ethics Framework for AI in Biomedical Research](#) | The Hastings Center | January 18, 2024 | 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm EST

Ramalingaswami Centre on  
Equity and Social  
Determinants of Health

17th January, 2024  
4:00 to 5:30 PM (IST)



**ADOLESCENT & YOUTH SEXUAL AND  
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN INDIA**  
*Ensuring Successful Transitions to Adulthood*



Register - <https://bit.ly/41Lwp1X>



**Speaker**

**Shireen Jejeebhoy**

*Director  
Aksha Centre for Equity and Wellbeing*



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**Colloquium Series on Equity and Social Determinants of Health**

[Adolescent & Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in India: Ensuring Successful Transitions to Adulthood](#) | Shireen Jejeebhoy | Ramalingaswami Centre, PHFI | January 17, 2024 | 4 – 5.30 pm IST

[What Is a 'Serious Genetic Condition'?](#) | The Hastings Center | January 12, 2024 | 9:00 am – 10:30 pm EST

[What Should We Do with Coerced People?](#) | Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto | January 10, 2024 | 4 – 5 pm ET

**Concluded conferences and webinar**



[Research libraries in an Open Access world](#) | OASPA

[How Bibliometrics and University Rankings Reward Unreliable Science](#) | Ivan Oransky | PANDORA-ISTH Virtual Research Clinic

[After the Pandemic: Emerging Questions on Global Health and Environmental Justice](#) | Darrel Moellendorf and Sridhar Venkatapuram | Normative Orders & University of Lorraine

**Publications (academic and popular press) on  
bioethics, human rights, law and allied themes**

***Academic and popular press***

[Artificial wombs are coming. Could babies soon be grown outside a woman's body?](#) | Sharon Kirkey | National Post | January 02, 2024

**Books/Reports**

[Preventing Another Fifty Years of Mass Incarceration: How Bioethics Can Help](#) | Homer Venters | The Hastings Center Report | December 22, 2023

**Opportunities**

◆ **A SIX WEEK DIGITAL COURSE,  
BEGINNING MID JAN'24**



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## HEALTH COMMUNICATION

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- Communication in Health and Research
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- Communication for Health Advocacy and Health Promotion



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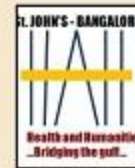
[DRISHTi Health Communication](#) | Sangath | 6 weeks course, starts in the third week of January 2024

[Global Health Delivery Intensive program](#) | Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health | July 9-26, 2024

## Career

[Recruitment Notice for Scientific Positions](#) | ICMR, New Delhi | Last date for application: February 16, 2024

[Research Assistant for iHEAR Access Matters](#) | Research Assistant | iHEAR Access Matters | Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh | January 2024 | Duration: 18 months



# RESIDENCY IN HEALTH-HUMANITIES

(Supported by Dr Kavery Nambisan, Alumnus St John's Medical College, Batch of 1965)



### FOR WHOM?

The Health and Humanities Division of St John's is announcing a **4 week Residency** in Health Humanities for **early - mid-career medical/ health practitioners or academic faculty** who are interested in an area of exploration within the disciplines of **Health Humanities, Bioethics, History, or Philosophy**. The focused exploration and learning will lead to a creative piece/ academic paper on the chosen area.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Interested applicants may respond with a **statement of purpose**, describing themselves and their area of interest in the humanities, the expected learning and a **proposed date for beginning** the Residency in 2024. This should be **within 1000 words**.

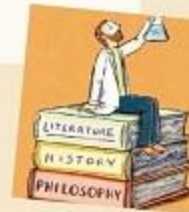
You can send it by email to [manjulikavaz@sjri.res.in](mailto:manjulikavaz@sjri.res.in). Applications from St John's Medical College and Hospital will need to be routed and approved by the respective **HOD and Dean of the Medical College**.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications are to be submitted by **January 29, 2024**. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel either online or in person. The selected Resident will be informed by **February 24th, 2024**. The Residency will commence based on the month selected by the Resident.

### FINAL NOTE

The selected Resident will be expected to take leave from their department for this full-time residency. **Rs 40,000** will be awarded to the selected Resident to assist with the outcome in the form of a **paper and an exhibition / installation / creative piece**. Each resident will have a mentor selected by the Humanities Division. **For further details, scan the attached QR code.**





Residency in Health-Humanities | St. John's Medical College and Hospital | Application receiving date: January 29, 2024

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