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Description

The School of Bioethics of the Pontifical Athanaeum Regina Apostolorum has organized two weeks of summer courses for the year 2016.

The first week is an introductory course addressing the main themes of the discipline, entitled "*Current Challenges in Bioethics*".

The second week consists of the latest update of a current bioethical issue and will be on "[Family, Education and Society](#)".

Introductory Course in Bioethics: "*Current Challenges in Bioethics*"

From 4 to 8 July 2016 will take place the Introductory Course in Bioethics. The course is organized by the Faculty of Bioethics together with the ISSR of the university.

This course is offered for those who would like to have a greater comprehension of bioethics principles and different bioethical issues. This course is sponsored by the Faculty of Bioethics of Anahuac University of Mexico and the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights.

Objectives

What can I do? What should I do? No human action can escape these questions. The answers to them are not always clear; moral choices are often not at all easy. Complex situations arise when we face suffering or when we have to make life-or-death choices. Other cases may be difficult only because they raise new questions for which we feel unprepared.

Bioethics addresses all these questions and, with an interdisciplinary methodology that combines scientific knowledge with philosophical and theological reflections, it guides us to the right answers. This Summer Course

on Introduction to Bioethics offers an overview of bioethical issues in light of the basic principles that guide our practical choices. Some examples of such choices include whether to start a therapy that could have serious consequences, what a couple may ethically do in order to have or not have a child, what we should do with frozen embryos, how we should teach young people to respect their bodies and not play around with their lives, how we should deal with homosexual tendencies, and to what extent rapid progress in science and technology—cloning, neuroscience, nanotechnology—can “improve” man.

The course will address these and other situations relevant to bioethics, with the help of multimedia materials, lectures by professors from Regina Apostolorum and other experts, and group work. Because human action is always interwoven with ethical questions, we will seek the right answers together, investigating the truth for the sake of life.

Lecture and Topics

- *Bioethics Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow* (history, development, models, and principles of bioethics)
- *Expecting a Child: Love, Sex, Fertility* (the person and his actions; sexuality; fertility regulation)
- *Original origins* (status and destiny of the human embryo in the face of new technologies; cloning, stem cells, designer babies)
- *The Five Test Tubes of Human Existence* (the drama of infertility and the answers of science)
- *Ecological Humanity (Care of the Environment and future generations)*
- *The Wayward Child* (risky behavior, addictions, self-harming tendencies, homosexuality in adolescence)
- *Enchancing humans?* (eugenics, and neurobioethics, and posthumanism)
- *Face of a Guinea Pig* (transplantation and experiments at the limit of the humane)
- *The Tail End of a Symphony* (human suffering and death, aggressive treatment, the use of proportionate means, vegetative states, euthanasia)
- *Service by Number* (justice and the allocation of health care resources)
- *From Bio-law to Personal Right* (conscientious objection and the medicine of desires)

Group work and workshops:

- “Brain death,” “Gender and the Norwegian Paradox,” “Informed Consent”
- Movie forum discussion on *GATTACA* and *My Sister's Keeper*
- Perinatal Hospices (with "La Quercia millenaria")

Schedule

Current Challenges in Bioethics

Introductory course in bioethics, July 4-8, 2016

Date	Time	Title	Professor

7/4/2016	9:00-9:45	Bioethics Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow	Joseph Tham
	10:00-10:45	Bioethics Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow	Joseph Tham
	11:00-11:45	Bioethics Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow	Gonzalo Miranda
	12:00-1:00	<i>Discussion of Cases</i>	Gonzalo Miranda
	2:30-3:15	Expecting a Child: Love, Sex, and Fertility	Giorgia Brambilla
	3:30-4:15	Expecting a Child: Love, Sex, and Fertility	Giorgia Brambilla
	4:15-5:00	Expecting a Child: Love, Sex, and Fertility	Joseph Tham
	5:00-6:30	<i>Indifference to the Differences: Gender and the Norwegian Paradox</i>	Giorgia Brambilla
7/5/2016	9:00-9:45	Original Origins: status and destiny of the human embryo	Louis Melahn
	10:00-10:45	Original Origins: status and destiny of the human embryo	Louis Melahn
	11:00-11:45	Original Origins: status and destiny of the human embryo	Louis Melahn
	12:00-1:00	<i>Human Life, the First Wonder (video)</i>	Giorgia Brambilla
	2:30-3:15	The 5 Test Tubes of Human Existence	Joseph Tham
	3:30-4:15	The 5 Test Tubes of Human Existence	Joseph Tham
	4:15-5:00	<i>GATTACA/ My Sister's Keeper – discussion forum</i>	Massimo Losito
	5:15-6:30	<i>GATTACA/ My Sister's Keeper - discussion forum</i>	Massimo Losito
7/6/2016	9:00-9:45	Ecological Humanity	Massimo Losito

	10:00-10:45	Ecological Humanity	Massimo Losito
	11:00-11:45	<i>Perinatal Hospices</i>	Massimo Losito
	12:00-1:00	<i>Personal Study</i>	Massimo Losito
	2:30-3:15	The Wayward Child: Risky Behavior and Addictions	Giorgia Brambilla
	3:30-4:15	The Wayward Child: Risky Behavior and Addictions	Giorgia Brambilla
	4:15-5:00	Enhancing humans? Neurobioethics and Posthumanism	Fernando Fabó
	5:15-6:30	Enhancing humans? Neurobioethics and Posthumanism	Fernando Fabó
7/7/2016	9:00-9:45	Face of a Guinea Pig: Borderline Transplants and Experiments	Fernando Fabó
	10:00-10:45	Face of a Guinea Pig: Borderline Transplants and Experiments	Fernando Fabó
	11:00-11:45	Face of a Guinea Pig: Borderline Transplants and Experiments	Fernando Fabó
	12:00-1:00	<i>The Debate on Brain Death (Group Work)</i>	Gonzalo Miranda
	2:30-3:15	<i>Informed Consent – Dr. House video</i>	Gonzalo Miranda
	3:30-4:15	From Bio-Law to Personal Right: Conscientious Objection and the Medicine of Desires	Alberto Garcia
	4:15-5:00	From Bio-Law to Personal Right: Conscientious Objection and the Medicine of Desires	Alberto Garcia
	5:15-6:30	From Bio-Law to Personal Right: Conscientious Objection and the Medicine of Desires	Alberto Garcia
7/8/2016	9:00-9:45	Service by Number... justice and the allocation of health care resources	Francisco Ballesta
	10:00-10:45	Service by Number... justice and the allocation of health care resources	Francisco Ballesta

11:00-11:45	Service by Number... justice and the allocation of health care resources	Francisco Ballesta
12:00-1:00	<i>Personal Study</i>	Massimo Losito
2:30-3:15	The Tail End of a Symphony: Issues at the End of Life	Gonzalo Miranda
3.30-4:15	The Tail End of a Symphony: Issues at the End of Life	Gonzalo Miranda
4:15-5:00	The Tail End of a Symphony: Issues at the End of Life	Gonzalo Miranda
5:15-6:30	<i>Final Exam/ Delivery of Certificates; Free Forum; Closing Dinner</i>	Massimo Losito

Informaciones

Course Coordinator: [Prof. Massimo Losito](#)

For information: info.bioetica@upra.org

- Topics are covered by professors of the School of Bioethics and external experts from different countries.
- Attendance is mandatory for 80% to qualify for the certificate of attendance for those who need to obtain credits (this request is done through the counter of [General Secretariat](#))
- The course is meant for teachers, priests, philosophers, jurists, physicians, health professionals, biotechnologists, and experts on the subject. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
- Each week of classes is worth 3 credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). For students of the master's program in bioethics, this thematic course of the second week (July 11-15) is worth 3 ECTS towards their study program.
- The 3 ECTS credits are also valid for the updating required for religion teachers in Italy through ISSR of the university.
- We are in the process of applying for 40 CME credits for healthcare workers in Italy.
- We are in the process of applying for civil university credits through the European University of Rome
- Simultaneous translations will be available in Italian, Spanish, and English.

Fees

Payment can be made in the following ways:

At the bursar's booth in the Athenaeum.

By a wire transfer. This link provides [the banking](#) information for the Athenaeum. In your payment, please specify your full name, and make it payable to “Corso Estivo Bioetica 2016”.

Using credit cards.

Those who pay **before May 31, 2016, will receive a discount.**

Before May 31	From June 1 on		
Standard fee	1st week introductory (4-8/07)	€280	€300
	2nd week thematic course (11-15/07)	€320	€350
	Both weeks	€500	€550
Special fee: Priests, religious, students in bioethics, students of ISSR, alumni of APRA, doctoral students in bioethics, Groups of 10 or more*.	One week	€250	Standard fee (see above)
	Both weeks	€375	Standard fee (see above)

*Group admission:

Groups that wish to apply should send their application through their representative.

If the group members wish to follow a course (or both courses) and receive a certificate (which allows one to obtain credits in the ECTS), the representative should send a letter of presentation to the general secretary of the Athenaeum, containing the names of the members and their application documents (application forms, personal identification documents, etc.), which should already be signed by the dean.

Pay the all the members' fees at one time

Payment through PayPal:

To pay by PayPal, you should send the payment request to the following email:

vicereamministrativo@upra.org specifying in the subject **“Pagamento Corso Estivo di Bioetica 2016”**.

Specify in the email which week or weeks would you attend the summer course.

You will then receive a payment request from this email of the Paypal account.

Registration

The deadlines to register and pay for the course is:

July 4 for those who wish to enroll in the first course or both.

July 11 for those who wish to enroll only in the second course.

For those who use ordinary mail to send their applications, the deadlines for receiving them are as follows:

June 28 for those who wish to enroll in the first course or both.

July 5 for those who wish to enroll only in the second course.

We will not accept registration for those who apply for credits (ECTS) after this date.

Payment can be made at the counter of the Administration during the hours open to the public, or by [bank transfer](#).

Discount.

Those who wish to take advantage of the discount provided must submit all the documents and payment by May 31 st

To obtain ECTS credits:

Those who wish to follow the course and obtain academic recognition (European credits ECTS):

Fill out [this Form](#)

Fill out this [Registration Form](#) -

Only those who are already enrolled (for the 2015-2016 academic year) in one of the Athenaeum's programs (bachelors, licentiate, doctorate) or other study options (master, diploma, or mini-course) need to fill out a paper application form.

Attach a certified copy of the original certificate of high school diploma or university titles

Two passport photos

A photocopy of your passport.

Deliver the required documentation or send it by registered mail by the deadline given above to:

Secretariat of the School of Bioethics

Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum

Via degli Aldobrandeschi, 190

00163 Rome, Italy

Pay the corresponding academic fees (see the table of fees) within the deadlines.

Without obtaining ECTS credits:

Those who wish to follow the course only (without need of certificate of European credits ECTS). They will receive a certificate of participation from the school of bioethics. They should do as follows:

Fill out [this Form](#)

Pay the corresponding academic fees.

Where to Stay

For lodging close to the Athenaeum, please contact:

- House of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, Via dei Bevilacqua, 00163 Tel. 06 6650061; Fax 06 66500677 and e-mail: casaroma@osb-tutzing.it or info@benedettineroma.it; www.benedettineroma.it
- Institute of the Minime Sisters of Our Lady of Suffrage, Via della Stazione Aurelia, 169 -Tel. +39 0666416073; e-mail: info@casamontetabor.com
- Hotel Roma Aurelia Antica, via degli Aldobrandeschi 223 - Tel.: 06.665441;www.romaureliantica.com
- Hotel Aldobrandeschi, Via degli Aldobrandeschi 295 -Tel. 06 66415964;www.hotelaldobrandeschi.it

Meals:

The University has an internal restaurant.

Scholarship

The question of a scholarship for college students

12 Full scholarships covering to the tuition fees of the two weeks of bioethics course are available for students studying in a university. Applicants will be selected based on academic excellence and personal interest in the subjects. Applications must be made to gennaro.casa@upra.org by April 15, 2016 and they will be informed about the result of this application by April 22, 2016.

To apply, they must submit the following documents:

- 1) Curriculum Vitae.
- 2) Letter of petition explaining why they would benefit from the course.
- 3) GPA average of previous university years up to the point of application.
- 4) Two letters of reference, one from an ecclesiastical source.