

ACADEMIC GOALS OF THE LECTURES

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Day	Schedule	Topic	Speaker	Learning Outcomes
		The Enigma of Human Suffering and Finitude		
Mon July 4	14:00-15:00	Registration		
	15:00-15:15	Welcome and Introduction to the Summer Course.	Alberto Garcia	Be informed of the School of Bioethics and the course: objectives, general structure and learning outcome.
	15:15-16:15	Cultural, literary, and artistic expressions of suffering and death	Joseph Tham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Illustrate how our culture portray and confront suffering and death. -Indicate how suffering and death is an often-ignored subject in bioethics. -Explain how this lack of association impoverishes bioethics and bioethical debates
	16:15-17:00	Psychological and neurological aspects of suffering, loneliness, and fear of death in the Covid pandemic	Matilde Leonardi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Indicate how suffering and death has become a recurrent topic in this COVID pandemic for the patients. -Show how the lack of spiritual component or tool to address suffering and death has impoverished mainstream bioethics
	17:00-17:30	Questions and Answers		
	17:30-17:45	Break		
	17:30-18:15	Hope and acceptance of death in the terminally ill	Melissa Maioni	-Indicate the place of hope in patients with terminal illness from empirical, psychological, and medical studies.

				-Show how spirituality can make a difference in pastoral attention of suffering and dying patients
	18:15-18:30	Questions and Answers		
Tue July 05	15:00-15:45	Suffering and death in the world religions	Marcelo Bravo	-Describe how different world religions view suffering and death compared to Christianity and Judaism. -Compare the similarities and the differences
	15:45-16:30	End of life care for vulnerable patients (secular and Judeo-Christian outlooks)	Charles Camosy	-Explain how recent legislation and juridical rulings (ex. April 2021 Supreme Court of Netherlands) affect end of life decisions related to patients with dementia -Contrast Judeo-Christian and secular responses to end-of-life care of vulnerable patients. -Propose bioethical criteria for end-of-life decisions related to vulnerable patients.
	16:30-17:00	Questions and Answers		
	17:00-17:15	Break		
	17:15-18:30	<i>Group activity: End of life care and mortality-immortality</i>	Massimo Losito	-Relate the worldview differences regarding suffering and death to the current debates on end-of-life issues
	18:45-19:00	Presentation of the “Supermarket Babies” art display	Adriana Aneiva Guerra	A brief introduction to the art display Supermarket Babies , followed by time to interact with the display.
		The Quest for Immortality		
Wed July 06	15:00-15:45	Anti-aging technology, cryopreservation, and the latest advances	Francisco Ballesta	-Indicate the current anti-aging technological proposals to extend human life span. -Evaluate the feasibility of such proposals.
	15:45-16:30	Technological immortality in the transhumanist movement	Michael Baggot	-Describe transhumanism, posthumanism and their radical life extension enhancement project. -Explain transhumanist aspirations for radical life extension and how they are related to the common human desire for perfection and immortality. -Provide a philosophical evaluation of the projects, with particular attention to the resources of the natural law virtue ethics tradition.
	16:30-17:00	Questions and Answers		
	17:00-17:15	Break		
	17:15-18:30	Book presentation of <i>Enhancement Fit for Humanity</i>	Michael Baggot	Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies book presentation plan

				<p>The work Enhancement Fit for Humanity: Perspectives on Emerging Technologies (Routledge, 2022) grew out of conferences first offered in the 2018 Bioethics Summer Course at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum. It is a joy to present to this year's summer course participants the fruit of the previous course.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An explanation of the background of the book and how the project fits into the faculty's current research projects-Dean of the faculty and co-editor Alberto García Gómez (the 2018 Bioethics Summer Course on Human Enhancement). 2. An overview of the work and the logic of its parts-chief editor, Fr. Michael Baggot. 3. An update on the latest developments in the state of the debate on human enhancement-contributor Fr. Nicanor Austriaco. 4. Questions and answers.
Thu July 07	15:00-15:45	Head transplantation and immortality	Alberto Carrara	-Contextualize the history and proposal of head transplantation within the transhumanist quest for immortality
	15:45-16:30	Quantitative life extension vs. qualitative elevation of life through grace and theosis in the Catholic tradition / Spe Salvi	Joseph Tham	-Compare the Christian view of hope and salvation with secular technocentric outlooks.
	16:30-17:00	Questions and Answers		
	17:00-17:15	Break		
	17:15-18:30	Legal and human rights implications of prolonged existence	Alberto García	-Indicate the possible legal concerns in transhumanism and prolonged life. -Indicate the possible human rights concerns in transhumanism and prolonged life.
Fri July 08	15:00-15:45	Concluding talk	Mons. Vincenzo Paglia	-Indicate the possible legal concerns in transhumanism and prolonged life. -Indicate the possible human rights concerns in transhumanism and prolonged life.

	15:45-16:00	Questions and Answers		
	16:00-16:45	<i>Course Summary</i>	Michael Baggot	-Overview of the different talks and conferences. -Prepare for the MC exam
	16:45-17:30	<i>Personal Study</i>		
	17:30-18:00	<i>Course Exam (MC)</i>		
	18:00-18:30	<i>Exam review and certificates</i>		