



The 5th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Health, Culture and the Human Body

Principles of Biomedical Ethics, Genetics and Human Enhancement

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The frontlines of biomedical developments are expanding at an increasing speed. Novel technologies such as genome editing or repairing tissues in the human body or changing behavior through drugs are promoted with great emphasis on how they might improve human life. At the same time, they raise profound concerns and fears. Since medical ethics began to professionalize in the 1970s, there has been demand on ethicists to increase their efforts to help society come to terms with the new possibilities and risks of biotechnologies. For almost four decades, Beauchamp and Childress's foundational *Principles of Biomedical Ethics* has provided a widely used framework for the analysis of questions arising in healthcare and biomedical research. Now in its 7th English edition (2012), which has recently been translated into Turkish by Dr. M. Kemal Temel (2017), the book of the highly recognized principles of the diverse field of medical ethics is still being subject to a lively debate, increasingly beyond the limits of Anglo-Saxon and general Western discourses. The cultural adaptability of any given set of ethical principles is controversial yet growing in importance in an interconnected world of health tourism and strategic choices of convenient research locations, especially by the industry.

This year's conference will focus on the rapidly changing areas of genetic and genomic science and other forms of enhancement. We want to discuss principlist and other innovative ethical approaches to these biotechnologies, consider the historical formation of contemporary bioethics, and examine the history of reading and rewriting human nature with the aim to restore, enhance, or innovate bodily and mental functions.

We particularly welcome interdisciplinary perspectives from areas such as medical history and ethics as well as human and social sciences in healthcare (medicine studies, epidemiology, social anthropology). Our four earlier conferences under the theme "Health, Culture and the Human Body" (Mainz 2010, Istanbul 2012 & 2014, Bremen 2016) established a dynamic platform for a collaborative discourse on medical interventions and organ transplantation as well as palliative care and the topic of migration and health. Such international and interdisciplinary discussion from ethical, historical and epidemiological perspectives has been the "trademark" of our congress series.

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CONGRESS VENUE

4-5 October 2018 Istanbul University Rectorate Building, Doctorate Hall, Beyazıt, Istanbul

6 October 2018 Beşikçizade Center for Medical Humanities (BETİM)

LANGUAGES

Conference language is English.

PATRONAGE

The conference will be held under the auspices of Prof. Dr. Mahmut Ak, president of Istanbul University, and Dr. Ahmet Özdemir, president of Hayat Foundation for Health and Social Services.

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