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ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**

**Ethics and Social Determinants of Health**

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**Istanbul, Turkey**

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

This conference will be organised by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH, see <http://espmh.org>) and the Department of Medical History and Ethics, Acibadem University School of Medicine, Istanbul. The focus of the conference is on the ethical implications of the social determinants of health. There is vast evidence that social factors, including income level, education, employment status, gender and ethnicity have a crucial influence on health. As the World Health Organization's Commission on Social Determinants of Health states, many health inequalities "arise because of the circumstances in which people grow, live, work, and age, and the systems put in place to deal with illness". Drawing on Rawls' theory of justice, Norman Daniels has argued that governments should pursue social strategies (to reduce health inequalities) by implementing policies "aimed at equalizing individual life opportunities, such as investment in basic education, affordable housing, income security and other forms of antipoverty policy". A number of theorists, including Amartya Sen, Thomas Pogge, and others, have proposed different approaches to tackle this challenge. Papers addressing any of the issues mentioned in the headings below will be favoured, although work on other topics can also be submitted.

**Ethical concerns around inequities and disparities**

- Living and working conditions
- Employment / unemployment
- Early childhood development
- Elderly care
- Disability / vulnerability
- Income and income distribution
- Ethnicity, gender, and health
- Immigration and war
- Epidemics and re-emerging diseases
- Non-communicable diseases

**Ethics and health policy**

- Health systems
- Health care reform
- Health insurance
- Primary health care
- Reproductive health policy
- Mental health policy

**Theoretical approaches**

- Social medicine
- Rawls' theory of justice
- Sen's capabilities approach
- Public health ethics
- Health care ethics
- Environmental health ethics
- Social responsibility, solidarity
- Sharing of benefits

**Ethics and public policy**

- Social and economic rights
- Right to health
- Access to essential medicines
- Globalization and commercialization
- Policies for sustainable environment
- Health law and ethics
- Payment regimes / Performance based payment
- Global warming and natural disasters

The programme of the conference includes plenary sessions as well as parallel sessions. Anyone wishing to present a paper at the conference should submit an abstract (500 words maximum) before March 1, 2016. The Conference Programme Committee will select abstracts for oral presentation. Please send abstracts by e-mail to: Professor Bert Gordijn, Secretary of the ESPMH, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Dublin 9, Ireland (E-mail: [bert.gordijn@dcu.ie](mailto:bert.gordijn@dcu.ie)).