



26th Forum of National Ethics Councils (NEC) and the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE)

Online Meeting · 18–19 November 2020

Wednesday · 18 November 2020

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12:45 Online registration

13:00 Welcome addresses

Alena Buyx · Chair of the German Ethics Council

Veronika von Messling · Director-General for Life Sciences at the German Federal Minister of Education and Research (representing Federal Minister of Education and Research Anja Karliczek)

Jean-Eric Paquet · Director-General for the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

13:30 Long-term Dealing with the Corona Pandemic, Part I

Chair: Julian Nida-Rümelin · Vice Chair of the German Ethics Council

13:30 Joint Advice of the EGE, the GCSA and the Special Advisor on COVID-19 to the President of the EC on Pandemic Management and Preparedness

Christiane Woopen · Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies

13:50 Council of Europe Activities

Laurence Lwoff · Head of the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe

14:10 Discussion

14:40 Coffee break

15:00 Long-term Dealing with the Corona Pandemic, Part II

Chair: Julian Nida-Rümelin · Vice Chair of the German Ethics Council

15:00 Justice at Stake in Front of COVID-19

Laura Palazzani · Vice President of the Italian Committee for Bioethics

15:20 Trust, Communication and Ethical Choices

Kenneth Johansson · Chair of the Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics

Lotta Eriksson · Head of the Secretariat of the Swedish National Council on Medical Ethics

15:40 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

17:00 Bioethics Forum (public online event)
Who First? Allocation of Vaccines against SARS-CoV-2

Presentations

Christiane Woopen · Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies
Mariângela Simão · Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products at the World Health Organization
Alena Buyx · Chair of the German Ethics Council

Round table discussion

Chair: Susanne Schreiber · Vice Chair of the German Ethics Council

David Archard · Chair of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, United Kingdom
Alena Buyx · Chair of the German Ethics Council
Jean-François Delfraissy · Chair of the French National Ethical Consultative Committee for Life Sciences and Health (CCNE)
Mariângela Simão · Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines and Health Products at the World Health Organization
Christiane Woopen · Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies

19:00 End of the Bioethics Forum

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09:00 Genome Editing, Part I

Chair: Eleni Rethimiotaki · Chair of the Hellenic National Bioethics Commission

09:00 EGE Opinion on Genome Editing

Julian Kinderlerer · Emeritus Professor of IP Law at the University of Cape Town, Visiting Professor at the School of Law of the University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa

09:20 Ethical Overview in China on Genome Editing

Xiaomei Zhai · Dean of School of Humanities, Chinese Academy of Medical Science, Executive Director of the Center for Bioethics

09:40 Discussion

10:10 Coffee break

10:30 Genome Editing, Part II

Chair: Christiane Druml · Chair of the Bioethics Commission at the Federal Chancellery, Austria

10:30 Genome Editing: Are the Differences Between Therapeutic Use and Enhancement Clear Enough?

Federico de Montalvo Jääskeläinen · Chair of the Spanish Bioethics Committee

10:50 Human Genome Editing: Ethics Councils Call to Governments Worldwide – Joint Statement of the National Ethics Committees of France and Germany, and of the UK Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Hugh Whittall · Director of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, United Kingdom

11:10 Discussion

11:40 Lunch break

13:00 Artificial Intelligence, Part I

Chair: Aime Keis · Vice Chair of the Estonian National Committee on Bioethics and Human Research

13:00 European Parliament Actions in AI and Ethics

Eva Kaili · Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)

13:20 China AI Ethics and Governance: Present and Future

Yi Zeng · Deputy Director of the Research Center for Brain-inspired Artificial Intelligence and Director of the China-UK Research Centre for AI Ethics and Governance at the Chinese Academy of Sciences

13:40 Discussion

14:10 Coffee break

14:30 Artificial Intelligence, Part II

Chair: Jorge Soares · Chair of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences, Portugal

14:30 The French National Pilot Committee for Digital Ethics: Contributions in the COVID Context

Claude Kirchner · Director of the French National Pilot Committee for Digital Ethics (CNPEN), National Ethical Consultative Committee for Life Sciences and Health (CCNE) and National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation (Inria)

14:50 Shaping the Ethical Dimensions of Smart Information Systems (SIS) – a European Perspective

Bernd Stahl · Director of the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility at De Montfort University

15:10 Discussion

15:40 Closing remarks and future NEC activities

Isidoros Karatzas · Head of the Ethics and Research Integrity Sector of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation

Alena Buyx · Chair of the German Ethics Council

Jorge Soares · Chair of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences, Portugal

16:00 End of the NEC Forum