

5th Annual Conference of International Association for Education in Ethics
Conference Theme: Curricular innovations in ethics education
Hosted by Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University, Mangalore India
15-17 November 2017

Professor and Director of Institute of Ethics at Dublin City University Ireland
Former Visiting Professor at Lancaster University (UK), Georgetown University (USA), the National University of Singapore and the Fondation Brocher (Switzerland)
Served on Advisory Panels and Expert Committees of the European Chemical Industry Council, the European Patent Organisation, the Irish Department of Health and UNESCO
Secretary of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare
President of the International Association of Education in Ethics
Visiting Professor - Centre for Ethics, Yenepoya University, Mangalore, India



Keynote address 1: UNESCO's Bioethics Core Curriculum

Presenter: Prof Dr Bert Gordijn, Director, Institute of Ethics, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland
President, IAEE from 2016-2020

Abstract:

This presentation will focus on United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Bioethics Core Curriculum, the final version of which became available in early 2008. An important aim of the UNESCO Bioethics Core Curriculum is to introduce the principles of the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights to university students. The Universal Declaration itself was adopted on 19 October 2005, during the 33rd Session of the General Conference of UNESCO.

This Universal Declaration has triggered a lot of discussion within the global bioethics community focused on topics such as Relativism vs. Universalism, Western imperialism, the advantages and disadvantages of human rights discourse, etc. By basing its content on the Universal Declaration, the Bioethics Core Curriculum has "imported" that discussion. Against this backdrop the keynote talk will cover the history of UNESCO's Bioethics Core Curriculum, sketch its content as well as the debate that it has triggered.