

Whose Bioethics?

Religious Traditions and Non-Religious Translations in a Plural World



Addressing bioethical questions through the lens of religious traditions is both demanding and necessary. Even in contemporary secularised societies, religious imaginaries continue to shape how we understand life and death, illness and healing, vulnerability and care.

Rather than presupposing a fixed opposition between religious and secular ethics, this panel explores how diverse moral worlds intersect, challenge, and translate one another.

Call for Papers (deadline 13th march 2026)

We welcome contributions that examine how religious and faith values and imaginaries are reconfigured within secular frameworks, how they inform practices of care, clinical decision-making, and policy debates, and how they might help articulate more equitable and imaginative bioethical futures.

Possible Topics and Approaches

- Comparative analyses of religious and non-religious approaches to autonomy, dignity, or vulnerability
- The translations and adaptations of religious values within non-religious bioethical or legal frameworks
- The role of ritual, embodiment, and suffering in shaping moral reasoning in healthcare
- Public theology and bioethics in democratic deliberation and policy design
- Empirical or ethnographic studies of how religious and moral imaginaries inform care practices

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