

COST PORTO MEETING
WORKGROUP 2 ON “BIOETHICS, CULTURE AND MORAL THEORY”

Thursday, Oct 9th and Friday, Oct 10th, 2014

Chairs: Bert Gordijn & Caroline Clarinval

Final report

Program Thursday 9 Oct (as regards WG2)

11:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome, introduction to purpose of this conference• Presentation by Joanna Rozynska on “Effects of anthropomorphisation of nature willingness to support natural disaster victims”• Presentations by chairs of four WG2-subgroups on activities since Malta• Work in WG2-subgroups
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Continuation work in WG2-subgroups
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:30	Plenary presentations: On behalf of WG2 Emanuele Valenti presents his research project on Coercion in Disaster medicine.

After a short introduction by Bert Gordijn the WG2-subgroups (subgroup 1 on Moral theory, subgroup 2 on The Concept of Disaster, subgroup 3 on Action guiding algorithms, and subgroup 4 on Culture and gender) were asked to work on their plan as regards deliverables/outcomes (books, special issues, papers, symposia, grant proposals) for the remaining time of the COST programme. Due to members having left the COST project since the Malta meeting and others having switched to other subgroups, subgroup 2 (on the Concept of Disaster) and subgroup 1 (on Moral theory) agreed on working together as one subgroup. In the plenary session the chairs of the subgroups of WG2 presented the following results regarding their activities prior to Porto:

Subgroup 1 on Moral Theory (Chair Vasil Gluchman)

1) Papers/ book chapters and other written contributions

- a. Barrett, D.H., Bolan, G., Dawson, A., Ortmann, L., Reis, A. & Saenz, C. (eds.): Global Perspectives on Public Health Ethics: A Public Health Ethics Casebook. Dordrecht: Springer (in press).

- b. Vasil Gluchman: "Ethical and Moral Issues in Slovak Public Debates of the 2000s. In: V. Gluchman (ed.): 13th International Conference on Ethical Thinking – Past & Present. Prešov: VPU 2014, pp. 39-46.
- c. Vasil Gluchman: "Humanity in Professional Life". In: Proceedings: 2nd Eurasian Multidisciplinary Forum. Kocani: ESI 2014, pp. 179-186.
- d. Vilhjalmur Arnason: "On the Methods of Applied Bioethics". In: Journal of the Icelandic Philosophical Society, fall 2014 (in press).
- e. Herington, J., Dawson, A. & Draper, H.: 'Obesity, Liberty and Public Health Emergencies'. In: Hastings Center Report (in press).
- f. Eleni Kalokairinou: "Developing a fair European refugee policy: thoughts and suggestions of a south European country" (expected a final version in spring 2015).
- g. Eleni Kalokairinou: Presentation of COST Action IS1201. In: Ελληνική Φιλοσοφική Επιθεώρηση (Greek Philosophical Review).
- h. Katarína Komenská: „Disaster Ethics – new challenges for ethical reflections”. In: Filozofia (draft).

2) Presentations/ talks

- a. Vilhjalmur Arnason: "Pitfalls of Critical Thinking in Bioethics“, Symposium: Methods of Bioethics. 12th World Congress of Bioethics, Mexico City, June 25 2014
- b. Vilhjalmur Arnason: "How Is Critical Bioethics?“, Nordic Network on Philosophy of Medicine and Medical Ethics. House of the Sciences, Helsinki, June 9 2014
- c. Angus Dawson: On the Role of Moral Theory, International Association of Bioethics Congress in Mexico City (June 2014).
- d. Vasil Gluchman: "Human Dignity and the Medical Ethics in Slovakia”, 20th World Congress of Medical Law in Nusa Dua (Indonesia), 22-25 August 2014

3) Short term scientific missions (STSMs)

Katarína Komenská: STSM at Thessaloniki University, Greece (1 – 15 July 2014).

Subgroup 2 on The Concept of Disaster – from now on cooperating with Subgroup 1 (Chair: Joanna Rozynska filling in for Vilius Dranseika)

1) Presentations/ talks

- a. Oct 2014. Effects of anthropomorphisation of nature on willingness to support natural disaster victims. Joanna Rozynska. Bioethical Decision-making in Disasters, Porto, Portugal
- b. Sep 2014. Measuring anthropomorphisation of nature and people's willingness to support natural disaster victims. Vilius Dranseika. Work-in-Progress Workshop on Moral Psychology Vilnius University, Lithuania.

2) Short term scientific missions (STSMs)

Vilius Dranseika. Disaster Bioethics and Anthropomorphisation of Natural Disaster. University of Warsaw (host: Joanna Rozynska). July 14-25, 2014.

Subgroup 3 on Action guiding algorithms (Chair: Emanuele Valenti)

Emanuele Valenti has done a lot of work on his research project titled “The Ethics of Coercion in Disaster. A multi-centric focus group study with professionals involved in disaster situation”. However, he discovered that the only collaborator available to collaborate with him, Cécile Bensimon, cannot be involved in the future because she comes from Canada. So at the moment Emanuele is the only COST member involved in this sub-group at the moment.

Subgroup 4 on Culture, Cultural Disagreement & gender (Chair: Ayesha Ahmad)

- 1) Papers/ book chapters and other written contributions
 - a. Caroline Clarinval, Matthew Hunt and Ayesha Ahmad; Conceptualising Phases of the Drop Loop Model in Disasters, Forthcoming Asian Bioethics Review
 - b. Bioethics and the human right to health: Their convergence and divergence in the light of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, by Karen da Costa, Ayesha Ahmad, and Marcus Keder. Journal of Health and Human Rights [under peer review].
 - c. Ayesha Ahmad; Gender; A Global Perspective, Encyclopedia of Global Bioethics edited by Henk Ten Have.
- 2) Presentations/ talks
 - a. Ayesha Ahmad, Narrating Suffering: The story of cross-cultural transformation in the aftermath of sexual violence during conflict', University College London.
 - b. Ayesha Ahmad, Treating Gender During Disaster Situations: Intended and Unintended Consequences, Dubrovnik Training School
 - c. Caroline Clarinval and Ayesha Ahmad;;; Talk About Hard Choices: Ethics Decisions During Disasters, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Boston
 - d. Caroline Clarinval and Ayesha Ahmad; Uncertain Uncertainties; Withdrawing and Withholding Aid in Remote Control Operations, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Boston
- 1) Short term scientific missions
 - a. Aivita Putnina, Latvia; Defining and limiting responsibility in disaster situations at Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University
 - b. Theresa Fuchs, Germany; Global Health Ethics Unit, World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2) Other dissemination activities

- a. WG proposal for workshop on Culture and Gender in Disaster Situations, and follow-up proposal for edited book volume.
- b. Research proposal; A multi-centric study on the role of disclosure in sexual violence against refugees, returnees, and internally displaced persons [SIVIRD], co-written with Prof. Emanuele Valenti.
- c. Blog piece; Ayesha Ahmad, Silence- A woman's wound, British Medical Journal of Medical Humanities

Program Friday 10 Oct (as regards WG2)

11:00 – 12:30	Continuation four WG2-subgroups
12:30 – 13:00	Presentations by chairs of four WG2-supgroups on future activities in respective subgroups
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Plenary presentation: Tools in Clinical-ethical Decision-making in Disasters
15:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Action Discussion: Short reports from each WG regarding work and future plans.• Report from Donal O'Mathuna (action chair) on future events• Closing remarks

After another day of work in subgroups the following future plans of WG2 were presented in the final plenary session:

Subgroup 1 on Moral Theory and Disasters (Deputy chair: Vasil Gluchman)

Supgroup 1 starts cooperating with sub-group 2 (on the Concept of Disaster). Plans are to come up with a clear concept of disaster and use it as starting point for analysing approaches of moral theories to disaster issues.

The next activity will be announcement of CFA focused on moral theory and disaster issues (after approval by Steering Committee) for the workshop organized on the next spring in Prešov (Slovakia), selection process and invitation for participation on workshop to other persons outside of the sub-group. The subgroup will organize the workshop on Moral Theory and Disaster Issues in Eastern Slovakia in April or May 2015. The final step will be preparing a project for publishing workshop papers in edited volume or within special issue of journal. Furthermore, there will be also activities joined with participation of the international conferences, preparing final version of papers, etc

Subgroup 2 on Disasters (Chair: Joanna Rozynska filling in for Vilius Dranseika)

Apart from the start of cooperating with subgroup 1 (on Moral Theory) Vilius Dranseika and Joanna Rozynska are continuing their research on anthropomorphism in conceptualizing disasters. Studies are expected to result in a peer-reviewed journal article.

Subgroup 3 on Action Guiding Algorithms (Chair: Emanuele Valenti)

Elaboration of the research project on Coercion in Disaster medicine (presented in Porto) to discuss critical appraisals in order to improve the protocol. Research will produce a main paper and a secondary study with another paper.

Subgroup 4 on Culture, Cultural Disagreement & gender (Chair: Ayesha Ahmad)

Subgroup 4 is planning a workshop that address aspects of culture and gender in disaster situations Contributors from the workshop will be included in an edited volume, which will be edited by members of the subgroup.