



No Pressure, But Could We Have Your Organs?

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Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Venue: Rm. 504, Yasumoto International Academic Park (YIA)
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin
(5 mins walk from the University MTR Station)

Registration: <https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/view.php?id=250696>
All are welcome (Free Admission)

Abstract:

The current system of organ donation fails to meet the needs of patients waiting for a transplant. Two policies have the potential to overcome this problem and save lives: a regulated market in organs from the living and the mandatory procurement of organs from the deceased. However, both policies face criticisms for violating individual autonomy, in particular for their use of coercion. When a poor individual decides to sell a kidney in a regulated market, is she acting autonomously or under coercion? When a deceased person's organs are procured for transplantation regardless of the family's and individual's wishes, is their autonomy violated? In this talk, I evaluate the two policies as well as prohibition of them with respect to their use of coercion. I argue that in both cases, the objection from coercion not only has conceptual weaknesses but also overreaches in a way that would violate individual autonomy even further.

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