



CUHK CENTRE FOR BIOETHICS SYMPOSIUM

Date: 17 December 2016 (Saturday)
Time: 1:00 – 4:20 p.m.
Venue: Lecture Theatre 7, Yasumoto International Academic Park (YIA),
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin
Registration: <https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/view.php?id=272596>
All are welcome (Free Admission)

Session 1: The Doctor-Patient Relationship in China (1:00 to 2:30 p.m.)

China has made significant progress in healthcare reform in a short period with its aims to improve healthcare system in order to broaden basic healthcare coverage, establish a national essential drug system, provide equal access to healthcare, and reduce urban-rural health disparity. Compared to the rapid growth of healthcare infrastructure, development of medical ethics is as yet far behind. Little attention has been paid to patient autonomy and quality patient-centred care. This session discusses emerging ethical issues relating to the doctor-patient relationship in Mainland China and Hong Kong.

Topic: *“Patient Autonomy and Rights in Mainland China”*
Speaker: **Yali Cong**, Professor and Director of Medical Ethics Program, Peking University Health Science Center
Discussants: **Ho Mun Chan**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, City University of Hong Kong and Co-Vice Chairman of the Clinical Ethics Committee of the Hospital Authority in Hong Kong
Peter Au Yeung, Chairman Diocesan Bioethics Committee Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong

Session 2: Empirical Bioethics (2:50 to 4:20 p.m.)

Bioethics requires multiple disciplinary approaches to address ethical issues in clinical practices and biomedical sciences. While normative ethics is essential in discussing bioethical issues, use of empirical evidence has been widely recognised in the field, in particular when an ethical issue is highly social-culturally embedded. The tension between philosophical inquiry and empirical research in bioethics has become more apparent as some argue that empirical inquiry can inform and refine normative ethics. This session discusses the roles, contributions, and limitations of empirical bioethics.

Topic: *“Mixed Methods Research Approaches for Empirical Medical Ethics”*
Speaker: **Michael Fetters**, Professor of Family Medicine; Director, Japanese Family Health Program; Co-Director, Michigan Mixed Methods Research and Scholarship Program, University of Michigan, USA
Discussants: **Michael Campbell**, Postdoctoral Fellow, CUHK Centre for Bioethics
Huso Yi, Assistant Professor, JC School of Public Health and Director of Research, CUHK Centre for Bioethics