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# Assisted Suicide: Arguments For and Against



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### About Professor Frances Kamm:

**Frances M. Kamm** is Littauer Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy, HKS, Professor of Philosophy, FAS, Harvard University and Affiliated Faculty, Harvard Law School. She is the author of *Creation and Abortion; Morality, Mortality, Vol. 1: Death and Whom to Save From It; Morality, Mortality, Vol. 2: Rights, Duties, and Status; Intricate Ethics; Ethics for Enemies: Terror, Torture, and War; The Moral Target: Aiming at Right Conduct in War and Other Conflicts; Bioethical Prescriptions*, and *The Trolley Problem Mysteries*. Kamm also has published many articles on normative ethical theory and practical ethics. She has held ACLS, AAUW, NEH, and Guggenheim fellowships and has been a Fellow of the Program in Ethics and the Professions at the Kennedy School, the Center for Human Values at Princeton, and the Center for Advanced Study at Stanford. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is a member of the editorial boards of *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, *Legal Theory*, *Bioethics*, and *Utilitas* and was a consultant on ethics to the World Health Organization. She is a member of the faculty advisory committee of the Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School and is on the University Faculty Committee of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard.

### About the Lecture:

This lecture will present several arguments for the moral permissibility of physician assisted suicide and possible criticisms of these types of arguments by a defender of the Doctrine of Double Effect, such as Neil Gorsuch (now a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court). His defense of the Doctrine and its use in arguing against assisted suicide will be examined.

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