



About the Speakers

(In alphabetical order)

Dr. Derrick Kit Sing AU

Clinical Professional Consultant (honorary),
CU Medicine, Hong Kong SAR, China



Topic

Confucian Values as Cultural Lens in Contemporary Health Care Practices

Derrick Kit Sing Au is an advisor and the former Director of CUHK Centre for Bioethics. He received his medical education at Brown University, USA and completed postgraduate training in geriatric medicine in Hong Kong.

Before joining CUHK in 2017, Dr. Au served in clinical service in geriatrics and rehabilitation, then held health service management positions in the Hospital Authority (HA), including the Director of Quality & Safety (2014-16), the portfolio of which included overseeing clinical ethics, research ethics and technology assessment. Dr. Au is a former Chairman of the HA Clinical Ethics Committee (2017-2020) and is currently the Convenor of the Ethics Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Genome Institute.

Dr. Au is also a writer and columnist, with books published (in Chinese) on bioethics, professional ethics, and the history of medicine.



Dr. J. Wesley BOYD

Director of Education,
HMS Center for Bioethics, USA

Topic

A Bigger Bioethics: Rethinking the Focus on Autonomy and Rationality

J. Wesley Boyd is the Director of Education in the Center for Bioethics at HMS and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at HMS. He graduated with a BA (Philosophy, cum laude) from Yale University. He then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received an MA (Philosophy), a PhD (Religion and Culture), and an MD. He then completed a residency in psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital/HMS and a Fellowship in Medical Ethics at HMS. Dr. Boyd's areas of interest include social justice, access to care, human rights, asylum and immigration, humanistic aspects of medicine, physician health and well-being, and substance use. He writes for both academic and lay audiences.



Dr. Rebecca Weintraub BRENDel

Director,
HMS Center for Bioethics, USA

Topic

Bioethics Research in the Era of AI and Big Data: A Shifting World Order?

Rebecca Weintraub Brendel is the Director of the Center for Bioethics, the Frances Glessner Lee Associate Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine in the Field of Legal Medicine, and an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at HMS. She practices clinical and forensic psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where she is the Director of Law and Ethics at the Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior. Dr. Brendel was the Founding Director of the Master of Science in Bioethics (MBE) program at HMS, a Medical Director of the One Fund Center for Boston Marathon bombing survivors, and a Clinical Director of the Home Base program at MGH for veterans. She is admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

Dr. Brendel received her BA (Philosophy) from Yale University and both an MD and an JD (honors) from the University of Chicago, and completed psychiatry and forensic psychiatry training at MGH-McLean. Her work centers on psychiatry, medicine, law, and ethics. A past president of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (2018-2019) and the American Psychiatric Association (2022-2023), she remains active in medical ethics leadership across numerous professional organizations, including the American College of Psychiatrists Ethics Committee and the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA).



Professor Roger Yat-nork CHUNG

Co-Director, CUHK Centre for Bioethics,
Hong Kong SAR, China

Topic

What Do We Mean by Global Bioethics? The Significance of Engaging Pluralistic Perspectives

Roger Yat-nork Chung is a social epidemiologist who uses the lens of biomedical ethics and justice to examine the social determinants of health and health inequalities. His current research investigates social determinants such as poverty, deprivation, socioeconomic disadvantage, environmental and housing factors, and migrant status. He is also particularly interested in the health of vulnerable populations, including migrant workers and rare disease patients, and conducts research on aging-related issues such as multimorbidity and long-term/end-of-life care.

Dr. Chung graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BA (Public Health Sciences), the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with an MHS, Harvard Medical School with an MBE, and the University of Hong Kong with a PhD in social and lifecourse epidemiology. He is currently the Co-Director of CUHK Centre for Bioethics, an Associate Professor of the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of CUHK, and the Associate Director of the CUHK Institute of Health Equity.

He has had more than 120 peer-reviewed international publications and was the inaugural international health policy fellow of the National Academy of Medicine in the USA.



Dr. Ann Sin Nga LAU

Co-Director, CUHK Centre for Bioethics,
Hong Kong SAR, China

Topic

Reimagining Bioethics Education in Hong Kong: Challenges and Opportunities

Ann Sin Nga Lau is the Assistant Dean (Health Sciences Education) at CU Medicine, the Co-Director of CUHK Centre for Bioethics, and the Associate Director (Undergraduate Education) of the School of Biomedical Sciences. She is also the Director of the BSc in Biomedical Sciences Programme and the four-year Graduate Entry Track MBChB Programme. Dr. Lau received her BSc and PhD (Molecular Endocrinology) from the University of Hong Kong, with her doctoral training at the Population Council's Centre for Biomedical Research at Rockefeller University. Dr. Lau has expanded her interest to biomedical sciences and bioethics education, which has further advanced into education leadership and management.

Dr. Lau leads CU Medicine's task force on AI in medical education and has a strong interest in the bioethical consideration of using AI in teaching and learning. She also leads projects covering VR and metaverses in education, courseware development, peer-assisted learning, interprofessional education, teaching and learning for social good, and assessment for learning. She is the recipient of the Faculty of Medicine Education Award 2019 and the Faculty's Education Team Award (Collaborative Team) 2025.



Mr. Gerald Lee

Chairman, Bodhinyana International Foundation,
Hong Kong SAR, China

Topic

What Matters in Spiritual Care for End-of-Life Patients: A Buddhist Perspective

Gerald Lee is the Chairman of Bodhinyana International Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the Buddha's teachings. He is a former Buddhist chaplain at Queen Mary Hospital and Grantham Hospital, where he provided spiritual care for terminally ill patients and their caregivers. Mr. Lee holds an MBE from HMS, a Master of Buddhist Studies (MBS) from the University of Hong Kong, an MPhil (Oriental Studies) from the University of Cambridge, and a BA (Asian Studies) from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.

As a former partner at Amrop and Odgers Berndtson, two global executive search firms, Mr. Lee recruited C-suite executives for multinational corporations. He now serves as an advisor to corporate boards and CEOs, co-hosts a weekly talk show on Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK), and is a mediator accredited by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). Mr. Lee is interested in exploring how palliative care at the end of life, grounded in the Buddha's teachings of loving-kindness and compassion, can help resolve complex bioethical dilemmas.



Dr. Reina OZEKI-HAYASHI

Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Ethics and Public Policy, The University of Osaka, Japan



Topic

Lessons from 'Shinmi' and a Cross-Cultural Study of Decision-Making in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

Reina Ozeki-Hayashi is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomedical Ethics and Public Policy at The University of Osaka, Japan. She will assume a new position as a Lecturer at Tohoku University starting July 2025.

Dr. Ozeki-Hayashi began her career as a gastroenterologist after graduating from Sapporo Medical University, with a clinical focus on pancreatic and biliary tract cancers. Her interest in end-of-life care led her to complete a two-year residency in palliative medicine at Tsukuba Medical Center Hospital. She earned her MPH and PhD from the University of Tokyo, during which she also cared for elderly patients in home and nursing care settings. In 2022, she obtained an MBE from the Center for Bioethics at HMS.

Her research focuses on ethical decision-making at the end of life, medical futility, medical professionalism, and bioethics education for medical students. She has a particular interest in culturally sensitive approaches to clinical ethics in Japan.



Dr. Ardita PRAMUDANI

Lecturer, Department of Forensic and Medicolegal, Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia

Topic

Integrating Pancasila into Bioethics Education: Reflections on Indonesia's Medical Training and Moral Challenges

Ardita Pramudani is a bioethics researcher and lecturer in the Department of Forensic and Medicolegal at Universitas Diponegoro, Indonesia, where she is part of the Bioethics, Humanities, and Professionalism Unit. Dr. Pramudani earned her MBE (Class of 2024) from HMS, where her work focused on genomic data-sharing policies and the integration of local ethical perspectives into health policy.

Her current research takes a humanity-centered approach to exploring how national philosophies—particularly Pancasila—can inform ethical clinical practice and medical education in Indonesia. She is also interested in the everyday moral experiences of healthcare workers and the structural dimensions of the healthcare system that shape their work.

Before transitioning to academia and bioethics, Dr. Pramudani practiced general medicine at the Indonesian Red Cross in Semarang and in public healthcare facilities in Jakarta.

Dr. Hui Siu TAN

Bioethicist and Clinical Ethicist, Ministry of Health, Malaysia

Topic

Capturing Values and Persons Amidst Medical Paternalism and Multiculturalism – Ethics Persuasion in Developing Advance Care Planning Guidelines in Malaysia



Hui Siu Tan is a full-time clinician. As a former Head of Pediatrics in the districts, she contributed to several local initiatives and national guidelines. She took a mid-career gap year to complete an MBE at HMS and a Certificate (Paediatric Bioethics) at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Currently, Dr. Tan concentrates on developing clinical ethics services in Malaysia and hopes to use bioethics to improve care, strengthen relationships, and advocate for better systems.

Dr. Tan is currently the Head of Hospital Ethics Support Service (HESS) at Hospital Ampang which was established in 2020 to provide ethics consults, regular clinical ethics, and communication training. She is a certified Healthcare Ethics Consultant (HEC-C) and also a board member of the Malaysian Research and Ethics Committee (MREC). Dr. Tan enjoys her clinical work and daily engagement with colleagues, patients, and families, listening to their stories as they navigate different systems. She is passionate about patient-physician relationships, self-determination in health and dying, communication skills, social advocacy, and healthcare leadership.