



## Centre for Health Studies Apothecaries' Hall

The Society of Apothecaries of London,  
Black Friars Lane, London, *EC4V 6EJ*

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

# Programme for the Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine Course September 2025 - June 2026

Sessions will be held on Saturday mornings at Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ and remotely via Zoom.

The course is supported by the Wellcome Library (<https://wellcomecollection.org/>). The eponymous lectures are not part of the course but do form an important part of the Society's teaching.

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## Term 1

**Monday 24 November 2025 – Apothecaries Hall**

**Optional evening: Sydney Selwyn Lecture:**

Title TBC

**Dr Monica Aquilina**

Evening lecture featuring the best student presentations of the 2024-25 DPMSA & DHMSA classes – Attendance is strongly recommended

**Saturday 27th September 2025 – Apothecaries Hall**

09:30-9:45	Registration	
9:45-10:00	Introduction to Apothecaries Hall	Mr Matthew Scudder Academic Training Manager
10:00-10:15	Master's Introduction	Dr David Jeffries Master Apothecary
10:15-12:00	Overview of course: An Introduction to Philosophy & Medicine in Healthcare	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:00-12:15	How to write an ethics case vignette	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Critical reasoning in Healthcare Ethics	Professor David Jones The Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford
3:30-4:30	Drinks @ The Glean, 15 Blackfriars Lane, EC4V 6ER	

**Saturday 11th October 2025 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Values and Shared Decision Making	Professor Ashok Handa University of Oxford
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Case vignette presentations and discussions	Mr Peter Young Course Director

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025 – Apothecaries Hall**

10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Utilitarianism	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Is there a Philosophy of Health?	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain

Φ **Available online:** How to write an ethical or philosophical essay -  
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Contractarian Ethics – Ancient & Modern	Dr John Spicer GP Croydon & Academic Ethicist
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	The Ethics and Philosophy of Public Health	Professor John Coggon University of Bristol

Φ **Available Online:** Pandemic Ethics  
Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Three main normative theories of Ethics: Kant and Deontology in Medicine	Professor Trevor Stammers St Mary's University College
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Truth Telling and Deceit	Professor Ann Gallagher Brunel University London

## Term 2

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	The Four Principles of Biomedical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon Imperial College London
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Justice and Resource Allocation	Professor David Jones The Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford

Φ **Available online:** The Four Principles – A critique  
Dr Alexis Paton (Aston University)

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Online

10:00-12:15	Abortion and Personhood	Dr Jordan Parsons University of Birmingham
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Autonomy, Consent and Confidentiality	Dr Paquita De Zulueta Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London

Φ **Available online:** The DPMSA Examination  
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	The Philosophy of Science	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-2:15	The Ethics of Medical Research	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford
2:30-3:30	The Philosophy of Evidence Based Medicine	Dr Jonathan Livingstone Banks University of Oxford

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Three Main Normative Theories of Ethics: Virtue Ethics	Dr Sabena Jameel University of Birmingham
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Case vignette presentations and discussion	Mr Peter Young Course Director

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Apothecaries Hall**

10:00-12:15	Racism and Decolonisation in Medicine	Dr Harleen Johal University of Bristol
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	The Moral Basis of Professionalism: Exploring Narrative, Character, and Expertise	Dr David Obree University of Edinburgh Medical School

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Nietzsche against Aristotle: What is a good life, and will it be destroyed by illness?	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Philosophy at the end of life	Dr Guy Schofield University of Bristol

Φ **Available online:** Euthanasia and Medical Decisions at the End of Life  
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

**Saturday 11th April 2026 – Apothecaries Hall**

10:00-11:00	The Historical development of Human Rights & Human Rights Today	Ms Megan Pfiffer University of Toronto
11:15-12:15	Some Historical aspects of post-war UK Medical Ethics	Professor Raanan Gillon Imperial College London
12:15 -13:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-2.15	The Philosophy of Medicine in the Third Reich	Professor Michael Biddiss University of Reading
2:30-3:30	Panel Discussion	

**Saturday 25th April 2026 – Online**

10:00-12:15	Ethico-legal aspects of Reproductive and Genetic Technologies	James Lawford Davies Solicitor and Partner Lead, LDMH Partners
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Ethics and Sociology of Genetic Testing	Mr Peter Young Course Director

Φ **Available online:** Podcast on IVF and the role of Baroness Mary Warnock & philosophy in public policy  
Dr Andrew Papanikitas (DPMSA convenor)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Apothecaries Hall**

Joint Students and Fellow's Symposium – Theme: Disruption within Bioethics

10:00-10:15	Welcome and Introduction	Mr Peter Young Course Director
10:15-11:00	Plenary session 1	TBC
11:15-12:15	Plenary session 2	TBC
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Selwyn lecture semi-final: DPMSA Oral Assessment	

NOTE: All students on the course are expected to attend this day. The day will include invited speakers, an opportunity to meet Faculty Fellows (The Faculty's Philosophy mentoring, discussion and writing group) and networking after the event. As well as course-relevant content, students will have the opportunity to present work and discuss relevant topics in a symposium setting.

**Term 3****Saturday 6 June 2026 – Apothecaries Hall**

10:00-12:15	Teaching and learning medical ethics	Mr Peter Young Course Director
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:30-3:45	Revision 'Pub-Quiz' & course overview	Mr Peter Young Course Director

**DPMSA Exam Information:**

DPMSA Examination Information web address: <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>

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**Eponymous Lectures and Faculty Fellowship:**

Students of the course are encouraged to join the Faculty. The Faculty run a series of free eponymous lectures on a variety of historical and philosophical topics relating to medicine and healthcare. Faculty fellowship offers access to writing, discussion, and mentoring groups in both medical history and philosophy.