



Centre for Health Studies
Apothecaries' Hall

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

Programme for the Ethics and Philosophy of Medicine Course October 2026 - June 2027

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Term 1

24 November 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

Optional evening: Sydney Selwyn Lecture:

Title TBC

Dr Kristina Parkinson

Evening lecture featuring the best student presentations of the 2025-26 DPMSA & DHMSA classes –
Attendance is strongly recommended

Saturday 10th October 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Master's Introduction	Dr Peadar O'Mordha Master Apothecary
10:15-12:00	Overview of course: An Introduction to Philosophy & Medicine in Healthcare	Dr Andrew Papanikitas
12:00-12:15	How to write an ethics case vignette	Dr Andrew Papanikitas
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Critical reasoning in Healthcare Ethics	Professor David Jones St Mary's University
3:30-4:30	Drinks @ The Glean, 15 Blackfriars Lane, EC4V 6ER	

Saturday 24th October 2026 – Online/Apothecaries Hall

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	Course Director

Saturday 7th November 2026 – Apothecaries Hall/Online

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 21st November 2026 – Apothecaries’ Hall

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	Justice and Resource Allocation	Dr James Hart (keep) Ethox Centre, University of Oxford

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

Saturday 5th December 2026 – 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	Autonomy, Consent and Confidentiality	Dr Paquita De Zulueta Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, Imperial College, London

Term 2

Saturday 9th January 2027 – 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	Racism and Decolonisation in Medicine	Dr Harleen Johal University of Bristol

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

Saturday 23rd January 2027 – Online

10:00-12:15	Abortion and Personhood	Dr Jordan Parsons
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Three Main Normative Theories of Ethics: Virtue Ethics	Professor Sabena Jameel University of Birmingham

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

Saturday 6th February 2027 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	The Philosophy of Science	TBC
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-2:15	The Ethics of Medical Research	TBC
2:30-3:30	The Philosophy of Evidence Based Medicine	TBC

Saturday 20th February 2027 – Online

10:00-12:15	The Ethics and Philosophy of Public Health	Professor John Coggon University of Bristol
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Quandaries in Care Ethics	Professor Ann Gallagher Brunel University London

Saturday 6th March 2027 – Apothecaries Hall

10:00-12:15	To tell the Truth [or not]	Dr John Spicer GP Croydon & Academic Ethicist
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 20th March 2027 – 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 UCL

**Saturday 10th April 2027– History of Human Rights Showcase Day
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	TBC	TBC
2:30-3:30	Panel Discussion	

Saturday 24th April 2027 – Online PY

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	Dr Pete Young

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

Saturday 15th May 2027 – Apothecaries Hall

Joint Students and Fellow's Symposium – Theme: TBC

10:00-10:15	Welcome and Introduction	Dr Andrew Papanikitas
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 5 June 2027 – Apothecaries' Hall

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

DPMSA Exam Information:

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

DPMSA Exam queries: Email: AcademicAdmin@apothecaries.org

Eponymous Lectures and Faculty Fellowship:

Students of the course are encouraged to join the Faculty. The Faculty run a series of 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.