



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

Tuesday 24th November 2026 – Apothecaries Hall

Optional evening: Sydney Selwyn Lecture:

Title – Present Refusal, Future Relapse: Can AI justify earlier intervention in psychiatry?

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

09:30-9:45

Registration

9:45-10:00

Introduction to Apothecaries Hall

Mr Matthew Scudder
Academic Training Manager

10:00-10:15

Master's Introduction

Dr Peadar O'Mordha
Master Apothecary

10:15-12:00	Overview of course: An Introduction to Philosophy & Medicine in Healthcare	Dr Andrew Papanikitas Course Convenor
12:00-12:15	How to write an ethics case vignette	Dr Andrew Papanikitas Course Convenor
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Critical reasoning in Healthcare Ethics	Professor David Jones
3:30-4:30	Drinks @ The Glean, 15 Blackfriars Lane, EC4V 6ER	

Saturday 24th October 2026 – 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	Dr Peter Young University of Pennsylvania

Saturday 7th November 2026– 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 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 University of Oxford
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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 Royal Holloway University
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	Professor David Misselbrook Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Bahrain
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:15-3:30	Quandaries in Care Ethics	Professor Ann Gallagher Brunel University London

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	Philosophy of Science and the Philosophy of Evidence-Based Medicine	Professor Jacob Stegenga NTU Singapore

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 University of Bristol

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

Saturday 10th April 2027– Apothecaries Hall

10:00-11:00	The Destruction of German Medicine, 1933–1945	Dr Emily Meyhew Imperial College London
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 Historical development of Human Rights & Human Rights Today	Dr Megan Pfiffer New York University
2:30-3:30	Panel Discussion	

Saturday 24th April 2027 – 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	Dr Peter Young University of Pennsylvania

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: Against the Norm in Bioethics

10:00-10:15	Welcome and introduction	Dr Peter Young University of Pennsylvania
10:15-11:00	Plenary session 1: Doctrine of Double Effect—End of Life Care Versus Sexual Health for Teens	Dr Andrew Papanikitas Course Convenor
11:15-12:15	Student presentations 1	
12:15-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-2:15	Student presentations 2	

2:30-3:30	Plenary session 2: The Ethics of Psychedelic Research and Treatment	Dr Dominic Sisti University of Pennsylvania
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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	Dr Peter Young University of Pennsylvania
12:15-1:15	Lunch Break	
1:30-3:45	Revision 'Pub-Quiz' & course overview	Dr Peter Young University of Pennsylvania

DPMSA Exam Information

Web address: <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>

DPMSA Exam queries:

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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 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.

All dates can be joined remotely via Zoom, including those taking place in person at Apothecaries' Hall. With the speaker's consent obtained, all sessions will be recorded and uploaded to BrightSpace for catch up and consolidation.