

International Conference

Bioethical and Legal Challenges posed by Health Innovation: the Role of International Biolaw and International Health Law

Schola Medica Salernitana, *The Canon of Medicine* (Avicenna, 1025)

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CALL FOR PAPERS

As defined by the WHO Health Innovation Group, health innovation aims to develop and deliver new or improved health policies, systems, products and technologies, and services and delivery methods that improve people's health. It responds to unmet needs by employing new ways of thinking and working with a special focus on the needs of vulnerable populations.

Health innovation can be in preventive, promotive, therapeutic, rehabilitative and/or assistive care. It adds value in the form of improved efficiency, effectiveness, quality, safety and/or affordability.

Recent years have witnessed a wave of innovation in health technologies driven by new medical breakthroughs, novel scientific approaches, the rise of digital health technologies, pioneering methods of drug development and disease diagnosis, the rise of 'big health data', and new means of providing networked care.

While much of the promise held in these technological innovations remains to be fully realised, the rise of new health technologies is accompanied by a profound set of shifts in the way individuals – whether as patients, citizens or consumers – engage with matters of health, thus posing crucial legal and ethical challenges that need to be addressed.

This conference aims to explore such challenges from the perspective of international law and to explain how international biolaw and international health law respond to them.

Areas of interest

The conference will address **both ethical and legal challenges posed by innovation in health** and the legal responses provided by International Bio Law and International Health Law. Possible topics will include, but will not be limited, to the following:

- ✓ health innovation and public health;
- ✓ a human-rights approach to health innovation;
- ✓ innovation in medical products and medical devices;
- ✓ pharmaceutical innovation and antimicrobial resistance;
- ✓ innovation in medical research;
- ✓ health innovation and intellectual property rights;
- ✓ artificial intelligence;
- ✓ health big data;
- ✓ personalised medicine and direct-to-consumer genetic tests;
- ✓ *e-health* and *m-health*;
- ✓ biotechnologies;
- ✓ health innovation and the North-South divide.

Venue and dates: The Conference will take place at the School of Law of the University of Salerno, Italy, on 27-28 April 2020.

Structure of the conference: The conference will be divided into four or five sessions, each chaired by a discussant briefly introducing the topic of the session and initiating the discussion, with the participation of two speakers with 15 minutes available for each presentation.

Applications

Abstracts addressing one of the above-mentioned topics shall be submitted by e-mail to the following addresses: snegri@unisa.it and mtorres@uma.es by **29 February 2020**. They shall include the following information:

- ✓ The author's name and affiliation;
- ✓ A 500-700-word abstract [Word file or PDF]
- ✓ The author's CV, including a list of relevant publications, if applicable;
- ✓ The author's contact details, including e-mail address and phone number;
- ✓ Whether the author is an ESIL Member.

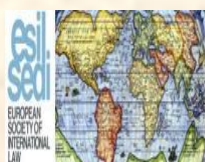
Multiple abstracts from the same authors will be considered, but only one will be selected. Co-authored multidisciplinary papers are also welcome. Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than **10 March 2020**.

Eligibility: All ESIL Members are invited to submit abstracts. Non-ESIL Members are also eligible to submit abstracts but ESIL membership will be required if the abstract is selected.

Financial support: The University of Salerno offers accommodation for up to two nights in a hotel in the city of Salerno to those who are selected for presenting a paper.

Publication opportunities: Papers selected for the conference will be considered for future publication in the Proceedings of the Conference or in a Special Issue of a legal journal.

Co-organizers: ESIL Interest Group on International Bio Law; ESIL Interest Group on International Health Law; University of Malaga; University of Salerno and Observatory on Human Rights: Bioethics, Health, Environment.



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