

Bioethics and Biolaw and the Question of Human Dignity

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Dignity is a malleable concept that needs re-definition to be adapted to the context in which it is deployed. This is especially the case when the concept is used in bioethical and biolegal debates. Indeed, in this context, the concept of human dignity has gained a central role in defining institutional strategies and policies. As testified by the first all-embracing Convention on bioethical issues of the Council of Europe, *the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine* (Oviedo Convention), dignity of the human being is strictly related to protection of fundamental rights. And in fact, one of the objectives of the Council of Europe is to protect the individual's dignity and fundamental rights with regard to the applications of biology and medicine. Since the Oviedo Convention has been promulgated, the bioethical and biolegal reflection has widened from traditional issues (end-of-life issues, beginning of life issues etc.) to include frontier issues like robotics, artificial intelligence, human enhancement.

This workshop investigates the 2019 IVR topics by focusing on the bioethical and biolegal discussion of both traditional and frontier issues at the European and national level. We welcome contributions on both traditional and frontier issues in Bioethics and Biolaw that address the question of human dignity in relation to other fundamental rights and principles like the principles of self-determination and equality. Following this integrated vision, according to which dignity is related to, albeit not completely exhausted in, other fundamental rights as it constitutes the real basis for their protection, we particularly focus on end-of-life issues and on human enhancement, but do not exclude contributions about other bioethical issues.

If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please send a short abstract with your affiliation by e-mail to patrizia.borsellino@unimib.it or to silvia.salardi@unimib.it . Deadline for submission: March 31, 2019.

Languages of the workshop are English, German, and French.