

LUND MEDICAL ETHICS CONFERENCE 2026

May 28	Room: Belfrage	Room: Dora Jacobsohn
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and organisational details	
	Chair: Daniela Cutas (Lund University)	
09:15 – 10:00	Angela Ballantyne (University of Otago), Challenges in data driven health research - justice, collaboration and public interest	
	<i>coffee break</i>	
	Chair: Gert Helgesson (Karolinska Institutet)	Chair: Kristina Hug (Lund University)
10:20 – 10:45	Emma Anderson (Lund University), <i>Crisis-driven incrementalism: The COVID-19 pandemic as a 'cosmopolitan moment'?</i>	Rob Lovering (CUNY – College of Staten Island), <i>On pro-life's implications regarding contraception</i>
10:50 – 11:15	Ulrik Kihlbom (Karolinska Institutet), <i>On the normative relevance of the distinction between acute and elective care</i>	Didde Boisen Andersen & Amalie Martinus Hauge (VIVE, Danish Center for Social Science Research), <i>An ethnographic sensibility in bioethics: How to?</i>
11:20 – 11:45	Lars Lindblom (Linköping University), <i>Eliciting preferences and reasons</i>	Filip Jonsson (Karolinska Institutet), <i>How to be or not to be: an ethical analysis of virtues employed in suicide risk assessments</i>
11:50 – 12:15	Anne-Marie Søndergaard Christensen (University of Southern Denmark), <i>What moral distress reveals about the responsibilities of healthcare professionals</i>	Ingrid Dunér et al, (Lund University) <i>Neurotechnologies will redefine the realities of caregiving: ethical concerns</i>
	<i>lunch break</i>	
	Chair: Lars Lindblom (Linköping University)	Chair: Linus Broström (Lund University)
13:20 – 13:45	Jonas Pöld (University of Munster), <i>The possibility of moral expertise</i>	Antoinette Lundahl (Karolinska Institutet), <i>Just lock them up, it's safe!</i>
13:50 – 14:15	Franlu Vulliermet (University of Antwerp), <i>Dying in data before dying in your bed: Rethinking the ethics of death in medical settings</i>	Erik Malmqvist (University of Gothenburg), <i>The domination objection to pharmaceutical patents</i>
14:20 – 14:45	Johann Go (University College London), <i>Just Waiting: How to Design Medical Waiting Lists Ethically</i>	William Bülow & Niklas Juth (Uppsala University), <i>The plutocratic proposal and principles of distributive justice</i>

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14:50 – 15:15	Lovro Savic (Oxford, Ethox Centre), <i>Why public health is not about impure public goods, either</i>	Jolie Zhou (University of Cambridge), <i>Rethinking health in the age of biotechnologies</i>
	<i>coffee break</i>	
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15:35 – 16:00	Adrian Villalba (Health Research Institute Hospital La Fe), <i>Biological narcissism or moral duty? The ethics of self-preservation and the "easy rescue" in Saviour Sibling Offspring</i>	
16:05 – 16:30	Yael Friedman and Anna Smajdor (Oslo University), <i>Synthetic medical data: ethical panacea or invasion of the zombies...?</i>	
16:35 – 17:00	Didde Boisen Andersen (VIVE, The Danish Center for Social Science Research), <i>Futile but Permissible? Justifying the Provision of Medically Futile Treatment</i>	

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09:00 – 09:45	Bjørn Hofmann (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Biases in bioethics	
		Chair: Ulrik Kihlbom (Karolinska Institutet)
09:50 – 10:15	Kristien Hens (University of Antwerp), <i>Microbes as resources for medicine? An investigation of biomedical exploration</i>	Jenny Lindberg (Lund University), <i>Balancing medical and donor risk assessment in living kidney donation</i>
10:20 – 10:45	Julia C Pelletier (University of Wisconsin), <i>Is causation always pursuitworthy? The bleak case for the causal gene in the age of GWAS</i>	Amalie Martinus Hauge (The Danish Center for Social Science Research), <i>Professional normativity and the everyday ethics of treatment limits in contemporary medicine: Ethnographic observations</i>
	<i>coffee break</i>	
	Chair: William Bülow (Uppsala University)	Chair: Kristien Hens (University of Antwerp)
11:10 – 11:35	Isaac Seeley (Durham University), <i>Suffering and the inaccessibility of the good life: Redefining the conditions of voluntary-assisted dying services beyond autonomy</i>	Kristina Hug (Lund University), <i>Bodily intervention in pediatric oncofertility in children too young to assent: At the foundation of decision-making</i>
11:40 – 11:55	Hifumi Yoshizawa (Hokkaido University), <i>The normative power of advance directives in dementia as a transformative experience</i>	Kajsa Norberg Wieslander (Uppsala University), <i>Why children's research assent matters: Exploring three dimensions of autonomy</i>
12:00 – 12:25	Joar Björk (Linköping University), <i>Island or part of the main? Locating the palliative care ethos in healthcare's ethical landscape</i>	Lotta Wendel (Malmö University), <i>Legal prohibitions, clinical judgement, and gender identity in child and adolescent mental health care</i>
	<i>lunch break</i>	
	Chair: Joar Björk (Linköping University)	Chair: Emma Anderson (Lund University)
13:30 – 13:55	Rand Hirmiz (Singapore Management University), <i>Digital doppelgangers and dementia</i>	Lan Tianxiang (National University of Singapore), <i>Consent not needed? Why research use of de-identified health records without consent need not violate privacy rights</i>

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14:00 – 14:25	Ezio Di Nucci (University of Copenhagen), <i>Medicine's dilemma?</i>	Adam Ehlert (Uppsala University), <i>Illness severity and meaningful activities: A problem for standard HRQoL measurement instruments</i>
	<i>coffee break</i>	
	Chair: Mats Johansson (Lund University)	
14:45 – 15:30	Jonathan Ives (University of Bristol), In search of the Goldilocks method: Empirical bioethics and the spectre of scientisation	
15:30 – 15:45	Closing words	