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2014 International Neuroethics Society Annual Meeting, November 13-14



At this meeting you will:

- Learn the latest on the United States National Institutes of Health BRAIN Initiative and the European Commission Human Brain Project; speakers include NIH Directors, Congressman Chaka Fattah, co-director of the Human Brain Project Henry Markram and a representative from the US Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issue.

- Hear about international case studies of neuroscience in the courtroom

- Discuss human rights in the neuroethics dialogue

- Engage in networking opportunities during breakfast, lunch and two receptions

The meeting kicks off with a thought-provoking public event on November 13th from 5-7 pm entitled “Neuroscience and the Robotic Mind”.

Please visit <http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/2014-annual-meeting> for more information.

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Profil/Profile

Jayne Lucke, PhD

Professor Jayne Lucke is the Director of the Australian Research Centre for Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia and Honorary Professor at the University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research, Brisbane, Australia. Her background is in social and health psychology and she has published in the fields of program evaluation, women's health, sexual and reproductive health and mental health. Professor Lucke's current research in Neuroethics focuses on the ethical and policy implications of pharmacological treatments of mental and behavioural disorders that may be used to enhance cognitive capacity. Her research program involves multidisciplinary research that seeks to inform public policy about the use of prescription drugs by healthy people for the purposes of improving brain function (cognitive enhancement). Her work has highlighted major public health problems with the uncritical acceptance of the use of prescription drugs for cognitive enhancement. For example, many such drugs are not effective for enhancement purposes, and may be potentially harmful and addictive. She is currently leading a project examining the non-medical use of prescription stimulants among Australian university students. Professor Lucke is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health and Associate Investigator with the Centre for Research Excellence in Women's Health in the 21st Century.

STATEMENT ABOUT NEUROETHICS

"I believe Neuroethics has a vital role to play in interpreting neuroscience research sensibly and without hyperbole for non-specialists, the media and members of the general public. Neuroethicists are uniquely placed to assess research evidence in a reasonably objective fashion, and make intelligent comments about the broader implications of the findings."


REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

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Welcome two new members to the Brainstorm editorial team!



Dearbhail Bracken-Roche graduated with a BSc in Psychology and Bioethics from the University of Toronto. She joined the Neuroethics Research Unit as an intern in the summer of 2013 and returned in 2014 to pursue an MSc in Experimental Medicine (Bioethics concentration) at McGill University under the supervision of Eric Racine. Her research project focuses on a critical examination of the concept of vulnerability in mental health research ethics.



John Aspler graduated from McGill University with a BSc in Neuroscience during which time his exposure to a constant stream of problematic neuroscience-related news publications both cultivated and cemented in him an interest in improving public scientific literacy. At present, John is pursuing a Master's degree at McGill University at the Neuroethics Research Unit under the supervision of Eric Racine. His work explores the narratives present in the Canadian print media surrounding people with certain neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Call for abstracts: 26th Annual Conference and Meeting of the Canadian Bioethics Society May 27-30, 2015 – Winnipeg, MB

This year's conference theme is *Shadows and Light: Bioethics and Human Rights*.

Abstracts on any subject will be considered, but 2015's Steering Committee will be planning an agenda around the following subjects:

- Human Rights
- Aboriginal health
- Clinical ethics
- Organizational Ethics
- Community and public health
- End of life decision-making
- Ethics and aging
- Ethics education
- Mental health ethics
- Policy and organizational ethics
- Professional ethics
- Research ethics
- Theoretical bioethics
- Women's and children's health

The call for abstracts will remain open until November 1st 2014. For more information please see <http://www.cbs-scb2015.ca/>.

Announcements-Annonces

Save the date! Montreal Neuroethics Conference for Young Researchers/Conférence neuroéthique de Montréal pour les jeunes chercheurs

April 17th, 2015/ 17 avril 2014

Keynote Lecture:

“The neurobiology of morality”

by Dr. James Blair, National Institutes of Health, Unit on Affective Cognitive Neuroscience

This one-day international conference is aimed at young researchers, trainees, and students from all fields interested in neuroethics. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their own work as well as attend panels hosted by leading researchers in the field. We will also be hosting an essay competition and winning papers will be candidates for fast-tracked publication in a special issue of the journal *Neuroethics*. A limited number of travel awards will be granted to successful applicants. **Information regarding essay and abstract submission will be circulated soon. Should you wish to contact us, please send us a message at neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca.**

Conférence d'ouverture:

« The neurobiology of morality »

par Dr. James Blair, National Institutes of Health, Unit on Affective Cognitive Neuroscience

Cette conférence d'une journée rassemblera de jeunes chercheurs, stagiaires, et étudiants de tous les domaines s'intéressant à la neuroéthique. Les participants auront l'occasion de présenter leurs travaux et d'assister à des panels animés par des leaders du domaine. De plus, il y aura un concours d'essais et les gagnants seront des candidats pour une publication accélérée dans la revue *Neuroethics* (le texte final pour fins de publication dans cette revue devra être en anglais mais les présentations en français sont acceptées pour la conférence). Il y aura quelques subventions de voyage pour les participants dont les présentations seront acceptées.

De plus amples renseignements seront disponibles d`sous peu. Pour nous rejoindre, veuillez nous écrire à l'adresse suivante: neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca.

Save the date! Neuroethics Down-Under 2014: Neuroscience and Society in the 21st Century December 10-11

Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Advances in neuroscience are set to transform our understanding of human cognition and behaviour. They may change how we treat people with behavioural or psychiatric disorders and challenge society's views of decision-making and judgments of moral responsibility.

The Symposium - *Neuroethics Down-Under 2014* - addresses the clinical, ethical, legal and policy challenges that will accompany these changes:

- Will neurobiological explanations of mental illness reduce the stigma of mental illness and improve access to effective medical treatment?
- How will neuroscience change our judgments of moral or legal responsibility?
- Will neuroscience leave open the possibility of authentic and autonomous behaviour?
- How should society respond to the use of emerging neurotechnologies to enhance cognition?

Details of the conference website, program and registration will be available shortly. For more information or to register your interest, please email Dr. Adrian Carter:

adrian.carter@monash.edu

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Call for abstracts: Real possibilities, indeterminism, and free will

The conference “Real Possibilities, Indeterminism and Free Will” will take place at the University of Konstanz, Germany on **18-21 March 2015**.

We invite abstracts on all topics related to the conference theme. Blinded abstracts of 500-1000 **words should be submitted by 15 November 2014** via Easy Chair:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=rpifw2015>. In the Easy Chair system you will be asked to upload your blinded abstract in pdf format and enter a brief summary of about 100 words into the abstract field. Papers should be suited for 30 minutes presentations (+ 10 minutes discussion). The language of the conference is English.

For any questions, please contact RPIFW2015@uni-konstanz.de.

KCL / UCL Joint Bioethics Colloquium Program for 2014/2015

2 October 2014, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

SW 1.17 William Robinson (KCL Strand Campus, Law School, East Wing of Somerset House)

[Iina Singh](#): Robust resilience and substantial interest: A survey of pharmacological cognitive enhancement among UK university students

6 November 2014, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

UCL, Medical Sciences G46 H O Schild Pharmacology LT

[James Wilson](#): Theory, practice and the future of bioethics: bioethics as translational research

4 December 2014, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

UCL, Chandler G10 LT

[Sarah Edwards](#), [Prince Saprai](#) and [Rob Horne](#): The Compliance Pill: the ethical and legal implications of the rise of digital health technology to monitor the uptake of prescription medications

5 February 2015, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

SW 1.17 William Robinson (KCL Strand Campus, Law School, East Wing of Somerset House)

[Barbara Prainsack](#) and [Alena Buyx](#): A solidarity-based perspective on organ donation

5 March 2015, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

SW 1.17 William Robinson (KCL Strand Campus, Law School, East Wing of Somerset House)

[Rosamund Scott](#): Risks, Reasons and Rights: The European Convention on Human Rights, English Abortion Law and Beyond

For more information please contact annette.rid@kcl.ac.uk or james.wilson@kcl.ac.uk

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Montreal Neuroethics Network Activities Fall 2014/ Le Réseau neuroéthique de Montréal, automne 2014

All events to be held at l'Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM) 110, avenue des Pins Ouest

"EEG systems for at home cognitive training"

Melanie Segado, Ph.D. candidate, McGill University, Canada
Thursday, October 9th, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Room André-Barbeau

"How do implicit biases make us vulnerable?"

Samia Alexandra Hurst, M.D., Ph.D., University of Geneva, Switzerland
Tuesday, October 14th, 12:00-1:00pm
Room 255

"The physiology of voluntary movement and implications for the free will debate"

Mark Hallett, M.D., National Institutes of Health, United States
Tuesday, November 11th, 12:00pm-1:00pm
Room André-Barbeau

"Is 'moral reasoning' still a viable objective in professional and applied ethics education? A review of recent cognitive science of morality"

Bruce Maxwell, Ph.D., Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada
Thursday, December 11th, 12:00am-1:00pm
Room André-Barbeau

All are welcome but please note that there are required readings for most seminars and limited spaces. **Please RSVP to Veljko.dubljevic@ircm.qc.ca to obtain the readings for each seminar.**

Tous sont les bienvenus mais veuillez s.v.p. prendre note qu'il y a des lectures obligatoires pour la plupart des séminaires et des places limitées. **Veillez-vous inscrire auprès Veljko.dubljevic@ircm.qc.ca pour obtenir les lectures for chacun des séminaires.**



Events- Événements

Emerging Ethical and Legal Challenges in Chronic Neurological Conditions (as part of the 23rd Annual International Epilepsy Symposia)

October 8-9, 2014 – Cleveland, OH

About the Workshop: The care of patients with serious chronic neurological conditions poses difficult ethical and legal dilemmas that extend beyond the acute care setting. This conference provides an opportunity for participants to engage in discussions regarding continuously emerging and profound legal and ethical challenges.

The topics for this conference include:

- Obligations to provide or withhold innovative or alternative therapies
- Societal and social issues in our new healthcare systems and the problem of stigma
- Nonepileptic seizures and other conversion disorders: A dialogue about emerging issues
- Public health and epilepsy: Considering driving, guns, and advocacy

This conference will provide:

- An exploration of dilemmas that arise in an outpatient setting that are relevant to clinicians, ethicists, and public health scholars
- Practical ethical frameworks and tools to navigate these dilemmas
- An opportunity for audience members to actively engage in developing new approaches and solutions

For more information please see www.ccf.org/NeuroEthics

Human Dignity: A Major Concept in Ethics?

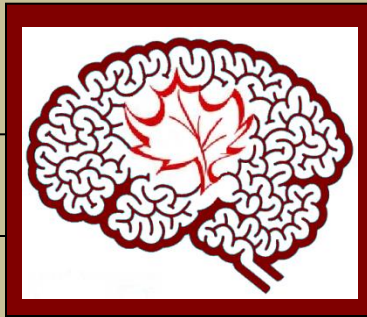
International Symposium, 24 October 2014 – Tübingen, Germany

The IZEW organizes the international symposium **Human Dignity: A Major Concept in Ethics?** on the occasion of the publication of the *Cambridge Handbook of Human Dignity*
Venue: Tübingen, Schloss Hohentübingen, Fürstenzimmer

Registration: Participation in the symposium is free of charge. Due to limited space, we kindly ask you to register in advance: izew@uni-tuebingen.de

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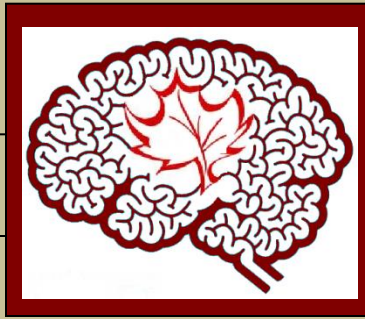
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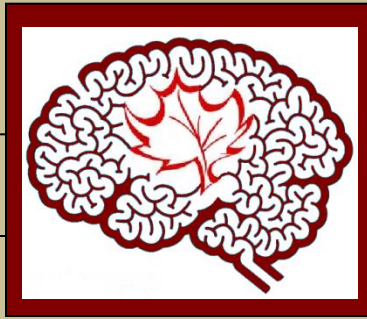
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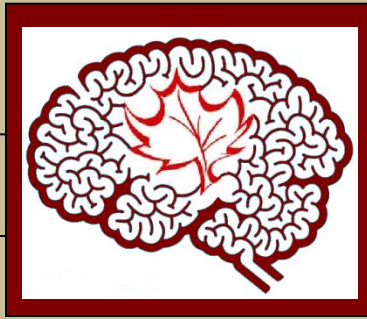
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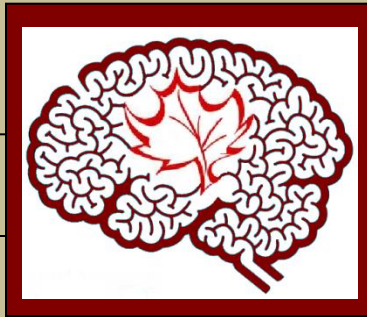
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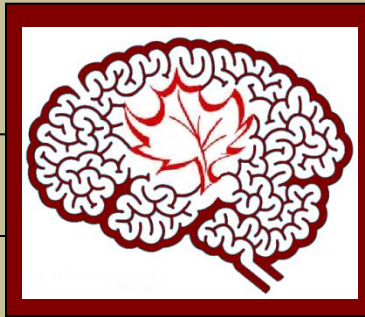
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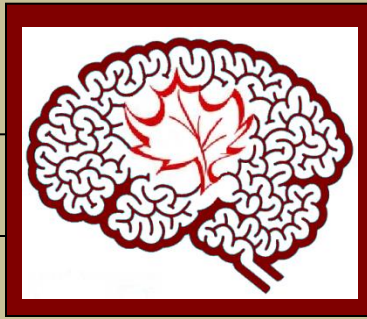
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www.neuroethicscanada.ca

Neuroethics at the University of Pennsylvania
<http://neuroethics.upenn.edu/>

International Neuroethics Society
<http://www.neuroethicssociety.org/>

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www.ircm.qc.ca/neuroethics/en

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