Emerging Fields Project
“Human Rights in Healthcare”

The Emerging Fields Project “Human Rights in Healthcare” focuses on relevant issues in the intersection of human rights, medicine, and medical ethics. The project develops an intensive cooperation between researchers from different disciplines, including medicine, human rights, ethics, law, philosophy, social sciences, political science, and humanities.

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Parallel Platform for Young Scientists (cont.)
Chairs: Sabine Klotz/Lutz Bergemann,
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14:30 – 15:00
The Interplay of Procedural and Substantive Obligations in Determining the Evolving Content of the Right to Health
Anrei Müller,
University of Oslo

15:00 – 15:30
Constitutionalization of Sexual and Reproductive Rights
Lucia Berro (speaker), Katrinna Perehudoeff, University of Groningen

15:30 – 16:00
Right to Health Under ‘Populist Neo-Liberalism’ in Developing Countries:
The Case of Turkey
Beren Nazli Ustanes,
Koc University of Istanbul

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00
The Principle of Non-discrimination – An Empty Promise for the Preventive Health Care of Asylum-seeking and Undocumented Children?
Veronika Flegar,
University of Groningen

17:00 – 17:30
Fostering the Organ Donors’ Right to Health: Needs and Suggestions
Reported by Living Kidney Donors
Katharina Schieber (speaker), Sonja Gaag, Katharina Heller, Kai-Uwe Eckardt, Yesim Erim,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

17:30 – 18:00
Human Rights and Medical Technology: Right or Wrong — my Market?
Ursula Hahn,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Panel III:
Normative Conflicts and Empirical Vulnerabilities
Chair: Christoph Osthage,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

09:00 – 10:00
Conscientious Objection in the Medical Sector
Heiner Bielefeldt,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

10:00 – 11:00
Prevention of Torture in Health Care
Adriaan van Es,
International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organizations

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00
Safeguarding the Right to Privacy in Health Care
Peter Schaar,
Former Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information,
Chairman of European Academy for Freedom of Information and Data Protection, Berlin

12:30 – 13:00 Concluding Panel Discussion
Chairs: Heiner Bielefeldt, Andreas Frewer,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Valentin Alchele,
German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin (tbc)
Lisa Forman,
University of Toronto (tbc)
Peter Kolomincky-Rabas,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Rachel Wiltkin,
Helen Bamber Foundation, London

13:30 Lunch
END OF CONFERENCE
Introduction

The International Conference "The Right to Health – an Empty Promise?" is organized by the EFI-Project "Human Rights in Healthcare". In December 1966, the General Assembly adopted the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), which in its article 12 guarantees everyone’s right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. Nearly fifty years later, this human right continues to evoke sceptical reactions and at times sarcastic comments. While even highly developed countries have come to realize that expensive health technologies may not be affordable for everyone under all circumstances, the absence of an adequate healthcare infrastructure in some developing countries renders the universal right to health hopelessly utopian – or so it may seem. In the face of this and many other complicated questions, the aim of the conference is to provoke discussions and innovative thinking about the right to health as well as clarify challenges and important questions like normative conflicts and empirical vulnerabilities.

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our conference!

This conference is free of charge, a registration is required.

13:30 – 14:00 Opening of the Conference
Welcome and Introduction
Heiner Bielefeldt,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Andreas Frewer,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

Panel I: The Normative Profile of the Right to Health
14:00 – 15:00 Right to Health: Minimum Core Obligations
Lisa Forman,
University of Toronto

15:00 – 16:00 Right to Health: Progressive Realization and the AAAQ
Brigit Toebes,
University of Groningen

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Right to Health: Extra-Territorial Obligations
Fons Coomans,
Maastricht Centre for Human Rights

17:30 – 18:00 Joint Discussion with all Panelists
Heiner Bielefeldt,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

19:00 – 20:30 Keynote Lecture
Realization of the Right to Health and the Post-2015 Agenda:
Challenges, Tensions and Opportunities
Danius Pūras,
Special Rapporteur on Right to Health

Panel II: Implementation of the Right to Health
Chair: Markus Krajelewski,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

09:00 – 10:00 Human Rights Approach to Primary Health Care
Walter Bruchhausen,
University of Aachen

10:00 – 11:00 Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in Health Policies
Malcolm MacLachlan,
Trinity College Dublin

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Therapists as Advocates
Rachel Witkin,
Helen Bamber Foundation, London
In Cooperation with Amnesty International ("Aktionsnetz Heilberufe", Germany)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Case Law on the Right to Health
Laura Cidrós,
University of Buenos Aires

Parallel Platform for Young Scientists
Chairs: Martina Schmidhuber/Sandra Schaller
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

14:30 – 15:00 Everywhere but not Specifically Somewhere: Why is the Right to Health not Explicit in Post-2015 Negotiations? A Qualitative Study
Claire E. Brolan,
University of Queensland (speaker), Peter S. Hill,
University of Queensland, gorik Ooms,
University of Antwerp

15:00 – 15:30 Human Rights Health Impact Assessment: Implementing the Right to Health
Fiona Haigh,
Centre for Health Equity Training, Research & Evaluation, Liverpool

15:30 – 16:00 Implementing the Right to Health through Development Cooperation
Judith von Heusinger,
Center for Conflict Studies at University of Marburg

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00 From Breaking the Silence to Research and Advocacy Efforts to Secure Human Rights in Childbirth in Eastern Europe
Borislava Daskalova,
University of Erlangen-Nürnberg

17:00 – 17:30 Emergency Treatment after Potential HIV-Exposure – A Neglected Right to Health?
Mathias Wirth,
University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf

17:30 – 18:00 The Right to Health in Armed Conflicts
Olga Kiseleva,
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow