

Dear Colleague,



For the second time, I am organizing the 2nd iteration of the Summerschool: “What about the Family - An interdisciplinary course on ethical issues in health care. The Summerschool will be held in Groningen, Netherlands, from 12- 18 August 2019.

Health care is not only of great importance to individual patients. The impact of medical decisions can also have a devastating effect on a patient’s family and relatives. Having said this, care providers have very little opportunity to involve the family in the care given to a patient. Legislation and guidelines relating to healthcare revolve around the individual, despite the fact that patients make many of their decisions in consultation with the family. Questions needing more family-based ethics arise throughout the care sector, from home care and genetics to questions concerning the beginning and ending of life.

In this Summerschool we will explore themes including, among others, how familial relationships inform people’s approach to living with illness or disability, the choices they make around treatment options and the influence of broader social and cultural values on the responsibilities they enact with others and expect to have enacted for them. Especially questions related to person-centred and shared decision making, screening (from preconception till adult screening), genetics and palliative care will be addressed.

This Summerschool is not only of interest for Phd's and post doc's working in the field of ethics, but also for those working in health care (public health) more broadly, communication, sociology and medical anthropology.

- Participants will enhance their knowledge and understanding of the theoretical approaches to ethics of families, and their applications.
- Participants will have many opportunities to present their own research and benefit from feedback from internationally renowned scholars.

Lecturers

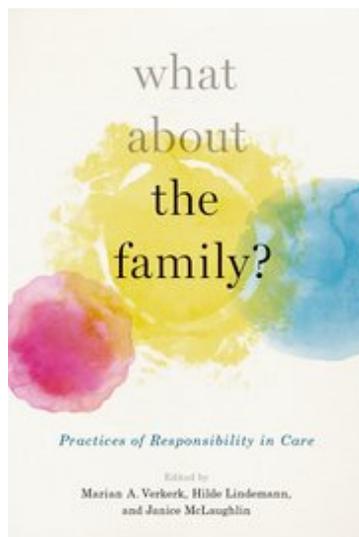
Prof. dr Christian Munthe, University of Gothenburg; Prof. dr Veerle Provoost, University of Ghent; Prof. dr Marian Verkerk, University of Groningen; Dr. Simon Woods, Newcastle University. Prof. dr. Kristin Zeiler, University Linköping;

The Summerschool will be of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as bioethics, philosophy, social science, medicine, genetic counselling, nursing, psychology, allied health, and theology, and to PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

Detailed information on the program, application process and course fees can be found at https://www.rug.nl/education/summer-winter-schools/summer_schools_2019/what_about_the_family/

We will work with the new - to be published - handbook on Family Ethics, Oxford University Press. See for more information on this publication, the website of OUP:

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/what-about-the-family-9780190624880?cc=nl&lang=en&>



The deadline for application is 1 June 2019.

Best wishes,

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