

## The Division of Medical Ethics and Law, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

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### *Dear colleagues & friends*

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter from the Division of Medical Ethics & Law. In a world where healthcare is continually evolving, the intersection of medical practice, ethics & law remains a dynamic & crucial field. Our division is dedicated to navigating these complexities & fostering a deeper understanding. Thank you for your continued commitment to engaging with our bi-annual newsletters. We hope you find it informative & enriching.

### Undergraduate Teaching & Learning: MBChB I, II & III Ethics Modules

*January–May 2024*

The Division successfully presented the ethics module to 312 first-year, 277 second-year & 281 third-year medical students under the renewed curriculum.



### MBChB V Ethics Module

The Division also presented the MBChB V Ethics module to 288 fifth-year medical students. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Medical Protection Society & the Tygerberg Debating Union, the Division hosted a robust Ethics Debate with the motion: This house believes AI can play a significant role in addressing health equity disparities. Both teams presented thought-provoking arguments & received trophies & vouchers presented by Prof. Moodley & Dr. Behrman.



### 15th Annual meeting of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Bioethics

*Utrecht, Netherlands,  
24–26 April 2024*



The Centre at Utrecht was inaugurated & joined the Network of WHO CC's in Bioethics.





## Invited guest lecture for the Advanced Course of Vaccinology (ADVAC)

*Annecy, France, 11 May 2024*

ADVAC is a training programme aimed at facilitating critical decision-making in vaccinology by providing participants with a comprehensive overview of the various aspects of vaccinology.



**Prof. Moodley** had the opportunity to speak to participants & gave a talk on "Applied ethics in immunization programs & practice". The session on Vaccine Ethics chaired by **Kari Johansen** highlighted the need for bioethicists in navigating complex challenges in vaccinology especially during public health emergencies.

## 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Bioethics

*Doha, Qatar, 3-6 June 2024*



The 17<sup>th</sup> WCB themed "Religion, Culture & Global Bio-ethics" held in Doha, Qatar, provided a unique platform for bioethicists, scholars, professionals & students to discuss & exchange ideas on pressing ethical issues in the biomedical & healthcare fields. The congress featured a variety of sessions covering several sub-themes that facilitated a diverse range of voices & perspectives, fostering constructive dialogue & critical discourse.

**Prof. K Moodley**, **Prof. S Singh**, **A/Prof. TL Burgess**, **Dr. RG Chingarande**, **Mrs. N Morar** & **Ms. N Cengiz** participated in a panel discussion titled "AI in healthcare: anticipated ethical challenges in South Africa". During this session, the sanctity of the doctor-patient relationship was discussed, along with consent processes for AI in healthcare, community engagement for AI technologies as well as the impact of AI on climate change.



## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Clinical Ethics & Consultation (ICCEC) & 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Canadian Bioethics Society (CBS) Conference

*Montreal, Canada, 29-31 May 2024*



CCEC 2024 Plenary panel: Developing clinical ethics & bioethics in different contexts hosted by Bureau de l'éthique clinique de la Faculté de médecine de l'Université de Montréal, chaired by **Prof. Nathalie Gaucher**, reflected diverse perspectives from **Dr. Farhat Moazam** Centre of Biomedical Ethics & Culture (CBEC), SIUT in Pakistan, **Prof. Keymanthri Moodley** from Stellenbosch Medical Ethics & Law, South Africa & **Prof. Imane Jroundi** from Morocco.



## Bioethics Seminar – First do no harm: The “infected blood scandal” – when politics, power & research impact on patient/participant wellbeing.

Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences,  
Stellenbosch University, 12 June 2024

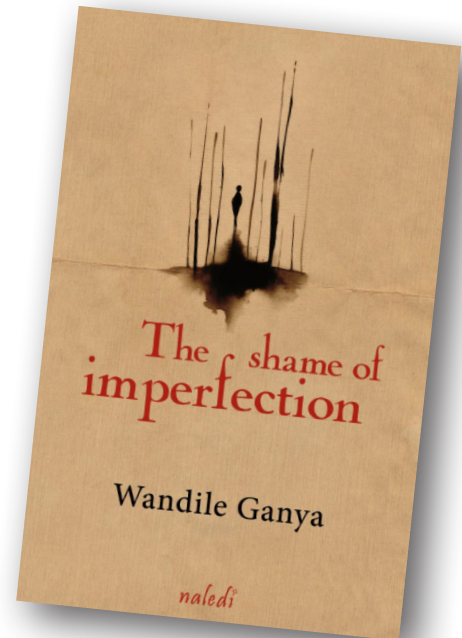
An enlightening hybrid Bioethics Seminar took place at the BMRI where leading bioethics & legal experts unpacked the ethical, legal & social implications of the judicial report on the infected blood scandal from the UK.



Speakers included Prof. K Moodley, Dr. RG Chingarande, Prof. AG McKay, Emeritus A/ Prof. S Kling & Dr. C Hilton. An impressive 144 online & 30 in-person attendees joined us for this informative discussion which was chaired by Ms. N Cengiz.

## Doctor, Poet & FMHS alumnus – Dr. Wandile Ganya Publishes Debut Novel

Exclusive Books, V&A Waterfront,  
Cape Town, 2 May 2024



Dr. Ganya was still in the final year of his MBChB at Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences (FMHS) in 2015 when he published a poetry collection. Ganya's debut novel, *The Shame of Imperfection*, reflects his constant desire to engage with complex ideas & issues. "The novel is a story about disillusionment & what happens when that sets forth," he explains.



## CIRCoRe Conference

*Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), Stellenbosch, 12 June 2024*

The conference aimed to interrogate the case for the use of human group descriptors in the sciences with a focus on the use of race & its attendant problems & aimed to explore the role of human beings & their groupings in the perpetuation of scientific racism in South Africa. **Prof. Keymanthri Moodley** formed part of a panel discussing the theme "A Gender Lens into Research on Race & Human Categorisation – An Interdisciplinary Perspective."



### WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

We are pleased to welcome **Dr. George Rugare Chingarande** as our **senior lecturer**.

He holds a PhD degree in Neuroscience with a graduate minor in Applied Statistics (2021) from the University of Missouri-Columbia (USA), MSc in Biological Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia (2021), MBA from DeMonfort University (UK) & a BTech in Nuclear Medicine Technology from the University of Johannesburg (South Africa). Additionally, he holds a PGDip in Health Research Ethics from Stellenbosch University (South Africa).

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are thrilled to congratulate **Dr. Francis Masiye** who graduated in March 2024 with his PhD in Clinical Research Ethics. Well done, **Dr. Masiye!** Congratulations to the supervisors as well – **Prof. S Rennie** (UNC) & **Prof. W Jaoko** (UoN).





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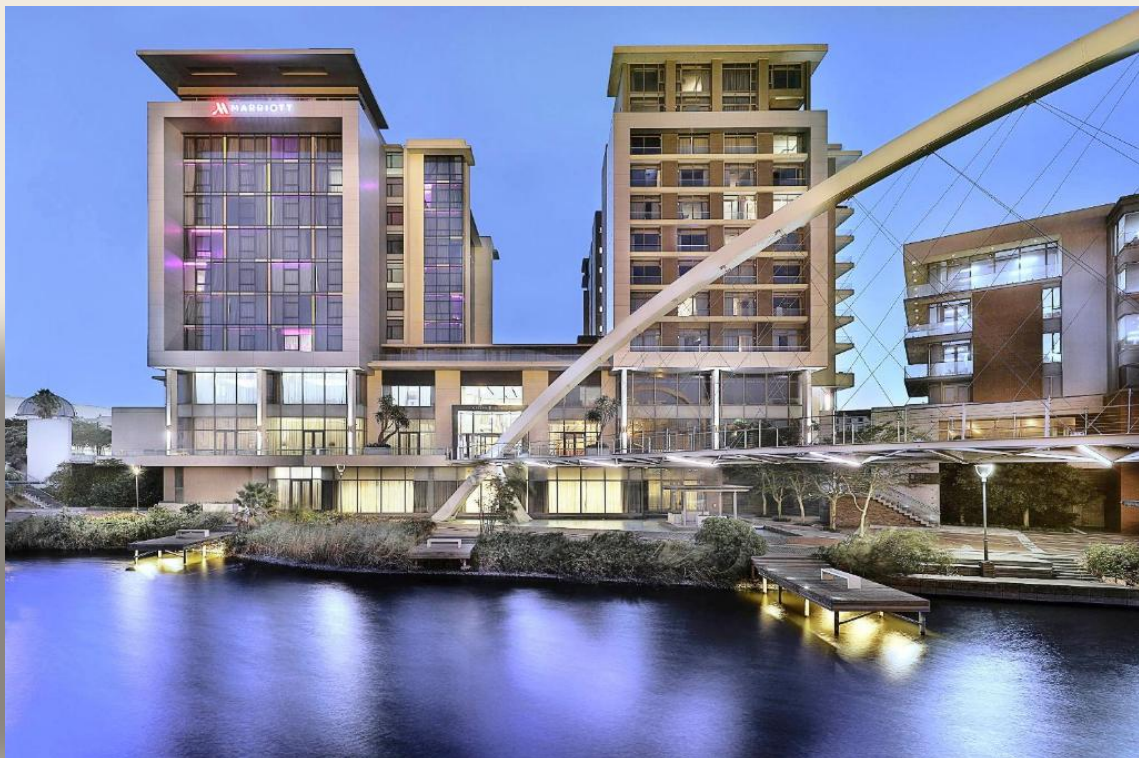
**Join us for our upcoming Research Ethics Seminar Series on AI in Research: Ethical, Legal & Social Issues (ELSI).**

**Date:** 12-14 November 2024

**Venue:** Cape Town Marriott Hotel Crystal Towers, Cnr Century Boulevard & Rialto Road Century City, South Africa, 7441

## **Navigating the Future: AI, Ethics & Data Literacy in Research**

This Seminar encapsulates the various dimensions of AI's impact on research, from the technological advancements to the ethical considerations and the importance of data literacy. It ties together the individual sessions by focusing on how AI is reshaping research practices, ethical frameworks and data handling, while also highlighting the critical role of Research Ethics Committees (RECs) in this evolving landscape.



## SAVE THE DATE!



We are thrilled to announce that the next World Congress of Bioethics will be co-hosted by **Prof. Kevin Behrens** from the Steve Biko Bioethics Centre, University of the Witwatersrand & **Prof. Keymanthri Moodley** from the Division of Medical Ethics & Law, Stellenbosch University in South Africa, with colleagues **Dr. Caesar Atuire** & **Dr. Paulina Tindana** from Ghana as well as **Dr. Dorcas Kamuya** & **Ms. Mercury Shitindo** from Kenya in July 2026!

This is the first WCB to be held in Africa!

**8–10 JULY 2026, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

The theme for the Congress is  
**"Comforting & Disturbing Bioethics: responding to invisibility, inequity, harm & injustice."**

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8-10 July 2026  
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Congress of the Feminist Approaches to Bioethics 7 July 2026



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