



Kick-off Meeting

Professionalization of Bioethics in Switzerland

November 14 2024, 14:00h to 18:00h, House of Academies, Bern

The kick-off meeting of the Early Career Bioethicists Network (ECBN) marks the beginning of an initiative to foster collaboration, professional growth, and peer support among early and mid-career bioethicists in Switzerland.

The ECBN is a dynamic community dedicated to addressing the unique challenges faced by early and mid-career bioethicists in Switzerland. Our mission is to provide a platform for peer-to-peer exchange that encompasses a wide range of issues, interests, and needs specific to our members. Our goals are threefold: to create a safe and supportive environment for connecting and sharing ideas, to build a professional network, and to promote the development and visibility of early career bioethicists.

The theme of the meeting is the professionalization of bioethics from an early career perspective. It will begin with a presentation of ECBN's objectives and vision for future collaboration. Diverse activities are included to facilitate discussion and professional networking.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bern on 14 November 2024.

See you soon,

The ECBN core team members

Programme

- 14:00 **Welcome**
Manya Hendriks and Annina Seiler
- 14:10 **Non-traditional academic pathways for non-traditional disciplines**
Minerva Rivas Velarde
Introduction by Marta Fadda
- 15:00 **Workshop sessions**
Introduction by Oliver Matthes and Lea Heistrüvers
- 1) **Navigate: What are the prerequisites for a career in bioethics in Switzerland today? Facilitators and common obstacles encountered in bioethics as a profession.**
Moderated by Martina Hodel and Lea Heistrüvers
 - 2) **Advance: What steps can be taken to advance the professionalization of bioethics in Switzerland?**
Moderated by Oliver Matthes and Annina Seiler
 - 3) **Impact: How can early career bioethicists make the impact of their work more visible?**
Moderated by Ana Gurau and Manya Hendriks
- 16:30 **Panel discussion: Impulses for the future**
Workshop moderators
- 17:00 **Networking with Aperitif**
- 18:00 **Closing**
Manya Hendriks and Annina Seiler

Invited speaker

Prof. Dr. Minerva Rivas Velarde, Geneva School of Health Sciences, HES-SO & Institute for Ethics, History and the Humanities at University of Geneva

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Further information

Organisers:

- Early Career Bioethicists Network (ECBN)
- Swiss Society of Biomedical Ethics (SGBE)
- Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS)

Location: House of Academies, Laupenstrasse 7, 3001 Bern

Language: English

How to get there: The House of Academies is a 5-minute walk from the «Welle 7» exit of Bern's main train station.

Registration: Participation is free, but registration is required by sending an e-mail to: ecbn@bioethics.ch Please note that attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 participants.

Registration deadline: October 1st 2024