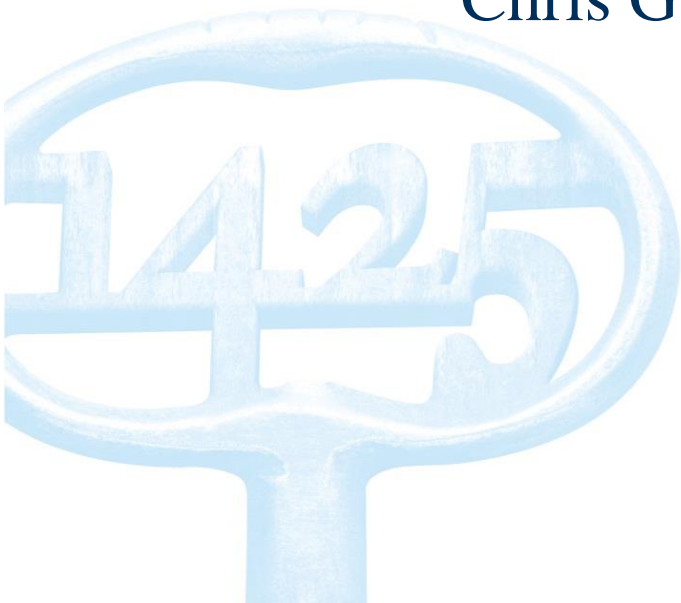


2-5 July 2024  
Leuven, Belgium

**SUMMER COURSE**

**Ethics in Dementia Care**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Edition**

Course Coordinator  
**Chris Gastmans, PhD**





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## CENTRE FOR BIOMEDICAL ETHICS AND LAW

The Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law consists of a number of experts in medical ethics and medical law. The Centre aspires to provide education, research and scientific and societal service in medical ethics and medical law. It was created in 1986 and will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2026.



## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The number of persons with dementia will rise considerably in the years to come. The increasing prevalence of dementia and the treatment and care for people with dementia present a myriad of important ethical questions and responsibilities. What do we think of the quality of life of people with dementia and of their subsequent end of life? What are the opinions about vulnerability and dignity in case of dementia? What do we consider to be 'good care' and 'a good death' for persons with dementia?

The objective of the course is to foster exchanges on foundational, clinical-ethical and organisational-ethical approaches to dementia care. More specifically, the aims of this course are:

- (1) To analyse fundamental notions that occupy central stage in the field of dementia care ethics (i.e. various notions of care, the human person, vulnerability, and dignity). As such, extensive understanding will be provided into the philosophical and ethical foundations of dementia care practices.
- (2) To educate participants on a range of ethical topics that figure largely in contemporary debates on dementia care, namely, use of electronic tracking devices, use of robotics, dealing with sexual expression, advance care planning, euthanasia and other end-of-life issues. These topics will be explored from philosophical-ethical and empirical-ethical perspectives.
- (3) To introduce participants into a variety of stakeholders' perspectives on ethics in dementia care: patients, relatives, nurses, physicians, institutional managers, and society as a whole.
- (4) To establish exchange among national and international experts with respect to ethics in dementia care.

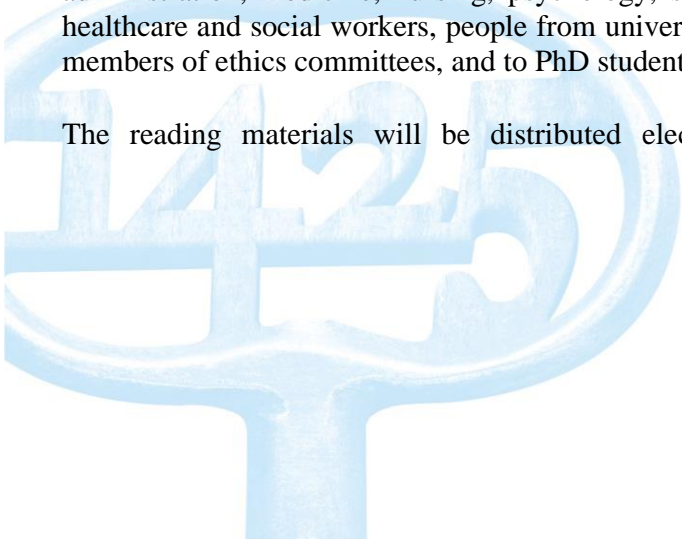
## FORMAT

This course starts from an interdisciplinary perspective (incorporating philosophy, theology, medicine, social sciences, nursing, as well as normative and empirical ethics). During the course, national and international experts will give presentations on various ethical topics in the domain of dementia care. Time will be provided for intensive discussion and interaction. The language of instruction will be English.

## PARTICIPANTS

The course is of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as health care administration, medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, philosophy and theology, and is open to healthcare and social workers, people from universities, university colleges, and patient associations, and members of ethics committees, and to PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

The reading materials will be distributed electronically before the start of the summer course.



**Tuesday, 2 July 2024**  
**Foundational Approaches**

**9h00-10h30: Dignity-Enhancing Dementia Care**  
Chris Gastmans

*10h30-11h00: Refreshments*

**11h00-12h30: Dignity-Enhancing Dementia Care**  
Chris Gastmans

*12h30-13h30: Lunch*

**13h30-15h00: International Perspectives on Vulnerability & Dignity in Dementia Care: Small Group Discussion**

*15h00-15h30: Refreshments*

**15h30-17h00: Current Societal Images of Dementia**  
Baldwin Van Gorp



**Wednesday, 3 July 2024**  
**Clinical-Ethical Approaches**

**9h00-10h30: Advance Care Planning in Dementia Care: What Does Really Work?**

Lieve Van den Block

*10h30-11h00: Refreshments*

**11h00-12h30: Advance Care Planning in Dementia Care: Small Group Discussion**

Lieve Van den Block

*12h30-13h30: Lunch*

**13h30-15h00: Euthanasia in Persons With Dementia: What Are the Ethical Issues?**

Chris Gastmans

*15h00-15h30: Refreshments*

**15h30-17h00: Euthanasia in persons With Dementia: Small Group Discussion**

Chris Gastmans



**Thursday, 4 July 2024**

**Clinical- and Organisational-Ethical Approaches**

**9h00-10h30: Vulnerability in Aged Care: What Does It Mean?**

Virginia Sanchini

*10h30-11h00: Refreshments*

**11h00-12h30: Emerging Technologies and Vulnerabilities in Older Adults With Cognitive Impairments**

Virginia Sanchini

*12h30-13h30: Lunch*

**13h30-15h00: The Use of Electronic Tracking Devices in Dementia Care: What Are the Ethical Issues?**

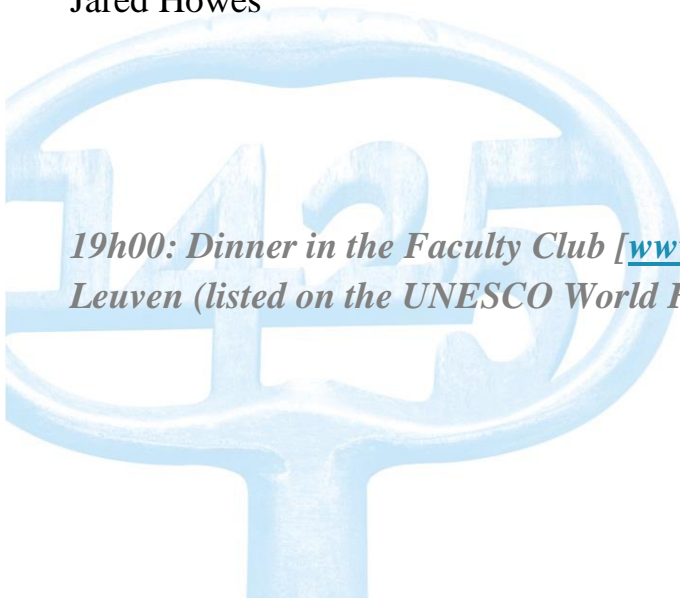
Jared Howes

*15h00-15h30: Refreshments*

**15h30-16h30: The Use of Electronic Tracking Devices in Dementia Care: Small Group Discussion**

Jared Howes

*19h00: Dinner in the Faculty Club [[www.facultyclub.be/en/](http://www.facultyclub.be/en/)], Grand Beguinage of Leuven (listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List)*



**Friday, 5 July 2024**  
**Clinical-Ethical Approaches**

**9h00-10h30: Socially Assistive Robots in Dementia Care: What Are the Ethical Issues?**

Tijs Vandemeulebroucke

*10h30-11h00: Refreshments*

**11h00-12h30: Socially Assistive Robots in Dementia Care: Small Group Discussion**

Tijs Vandemeulebroucke

*12h30-13h30: Lunch & Goodbye*





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## REGISTRATION

The fee for the on-campus course will be € 925 if you register and pay as a participant before May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024; € 1.025 for registration and payment from May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 onwards. Reduced registration fee for participants from Eastern Europe and Low Income Countries is € 725 (before May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024) and € 825 (from May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 onwards). This fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, four lunches, and a dinner. Deadline for registration and payment: June 15th 2024. Detailed information on registration and payment can be found at: [Ethics in Dementia Care 10th Edition 2024 - KU Leuven](#) or at [www.cbmer.be](http://www.cbmer.be) under [Summer Course](#).

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

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