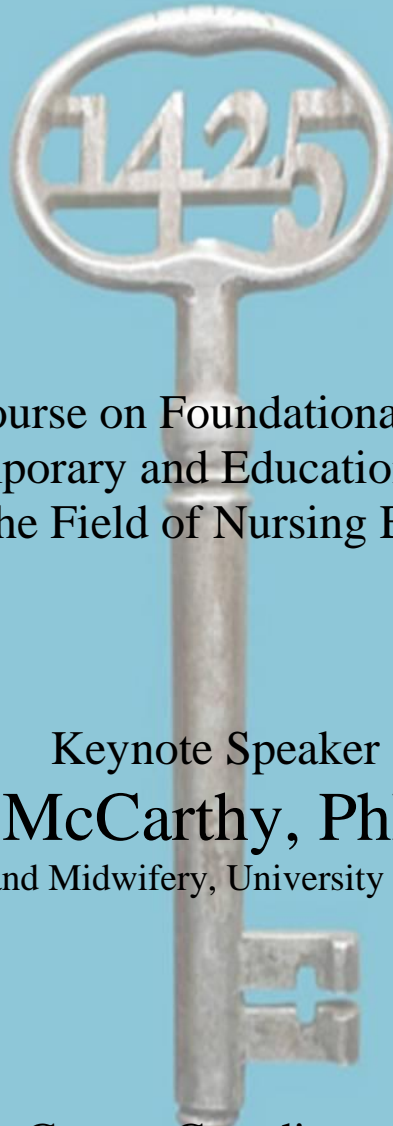




2-5 December 2014  
Leuven, Belgium

# NURSING ETHICS



Intensive Course on Foundational Approaches,  
Contemporary and Educational Issues  
in the Field of Nursing Ethics

Keynote Speaker

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Course Coordinator

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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 law. The Centre was created in 1986 and will celebrate in 2016 its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Since the beginning of the 1980s, nursing ethics has developed to such a degree that it is now considered a fixture within applied ethics. The specific positions occupied within health care by nurses, their expertise and their responsibilities all result in them being confronted by ethically sensitive issues.

The objective of the course is to foster exchanges on foundational and methodological approaches as well as on contemporary and educational issues in nursing ethics. More specifically, the aims of this course are:

- (1) To analyse *fundamental notions* that are being discussed in the field of nursing ethics, namely various notions of care, moral practice, the human person, vulnerability, dignity, and trust. As such, extensive understanding will be provided into the ethical and philosophical foundations of the practice of nursing.
- (2) To educate participants on a range of ethical topics that are predominant in the *contemporary debate* in nursing ethics, namely, nursing ethics perspectives on end-of-life care and on care for older people. These topics will be explored from a philosophical-ethical perspective as well as from an empirical-ethical perspective.
- (3) To introduce participants into *methodological and educational aspects* of nursing ethics.
- (4) To establish exchange among national and international experts with respect to new developments in nursing ethics from an international perspective.

## FORMAT

This course works from an interdisciplinary (philosophical, theological, nursing, clinical-ethical) perspective. During the course, national and international experts will give presentations on various topics in the domain of nursing ethics. There will be time for intensive discussions. The language of instruction will be English.

## PARTICIPANTS

The course is of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as nursing, medicine, philosophy and theology, health care administration, and PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

The reading materials will be distributed on the first day of the intensive course.



## PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 2 December 2014**  
**Foundational Approaches**

**11h00: Welcome**

**11h00-13h00: Introduction in Nursing Ethics**  
Chris Gastmans

*13h00-14h00: Lunch*

**14h00-15h30: Foundational Approaches to Nursing Ethics**  
Chris Gastmans

*15h30-16h00: Refreshments*

**16h00-17h00: Introduction in Care Ethics**  
Chris Gastmans

**17h00-17h45: A Value-Creating Nursing Laboratory: Experiences from Denmark**  
Susanne Buch Nielsen





## PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, 3 December 2014**  
**Foundational Approaches**

**9h00-10h30: Introduction in Care Ethics: Case Study and Small Group Discussion**

Chris Gastmans

*10h30-11h00: Refreshments*

**11h00-13h00: Nurses and Intimacy and Sexuality in Dementia Care: Foundational Approaches**

Lieslot Mahieu

*13h00-14h00: Lunch*

**14h00-15h30: Nurses and Intimacy and Sexuality in Dementia care: Case Study and Small Group Discussion**

Lieslot Mahieu

*15h30-16h00: Refreshments*

**16h00-17h30: Keynote Lecture: Moral Distress: Conceptual and Operational Challenges**

Joan McCarthy

*17h30-18h00: Reception*



## PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 4 December 2014**  
**Educational Issues**

**9h00-10h30: Nurses' Responses to Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing Practice**  
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

**10h30-11h30: Nurses' Responses to Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing practice:  
Small Group Discussion**  
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

*12h00-13h30: Transfer by Bus to Moorsele*

**13h45-17h00: Nursing Ethics Education**  
Linus Vanlaere – Trees Coucke – Ann Lammens – Claude Vandevoorde

Visit to an innovative initiative in nursing ethics education: sTimul: Care Ethics  
Lab ([www.stimul.be](http://www.stimul.be))

*17h00-18h30: Dinner*

*20h00: Dance Performance*

**Concert Hall, Bruges**

(<http://www.concertgebouw.be>)



## PROGRAMME

**Friday, 5 December 2014**

**Methodological and Contemporary Issues**

**9h30-11h00: Grounded Theory and Nursing Ethics Research: Qualitative Analysis Guide of Leuven (QUAGOL)**

Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

*11h00-11h30: Refreshments*

**11h30-13h00: Nursing Ethics Perspectives on End-of-Life Care**

Yvonne Denier

*13h00-14h00: Lunch*

**14h00-15h30: Nursing Ethics Perspectives on End-of-Life Care: Small Group Discussion**

Yvonne Denier

**15h30-16h30: Nurses and Artificial Nutrition and Hydration Decision Making in Persons with Dementia**

Chris Gastmans

**16h30-17h00: Reception**



## VENUE

KU Leuven

Holy Spirit College  
Louis Janssenszaal  
Naamsestraat 40  
3000 Leuven

## REGISTRATION

The course fee will be € 775 if you register and pay as a participant before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2014, € 875 for registration and payment from October 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 onwards. This fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, four lunches, a dinner and a dance performance in the Concert Hall of Bruges. Deadline for registration and payment: November 25<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Detailed information on registration and payment can be found at our website [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) under *Intensive Courses*.

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please refer to our website [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) for information on travelling and accommodation.

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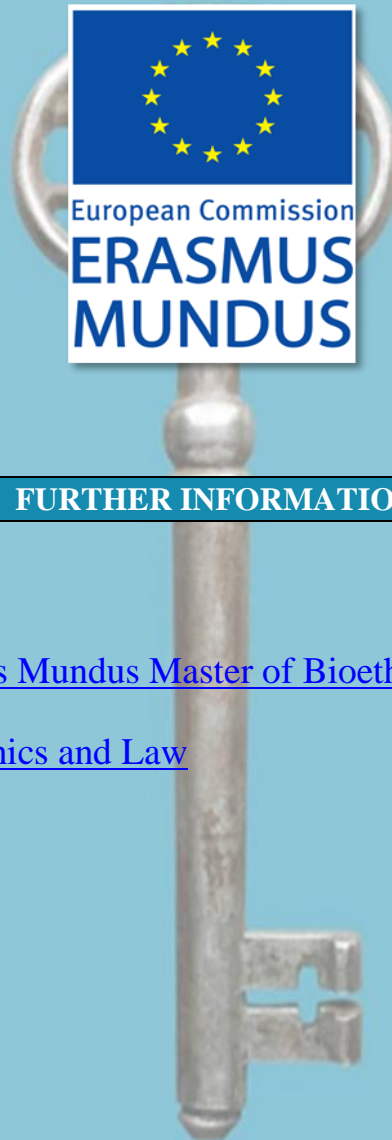
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This course is part of the Erasmus Mundus Master of Bioethics programme organised by a consortium of three European universities, namely the KU Leuven (Belgium), Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and the Università degli Studi di Padova (Italy). Because of this combination, participants of the intensive course *Nursing Ethics*, will join Master students from all over the world.



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