



“Religion and Bioethics”

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BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In our globalized and multicultural societies, religions play an important role since they profoundly shape the different cultures. Also for this reason, it has become more and more evident that bioethical issues cannot be dealt with just with principles and rules, because they always involve dimensions of meaning. Since the most important sources of meaning for the life of people come from religious traditions, reference to religions is inescapable. Yet, the more such reference and consideration of religions become inevitable, the more bioethics must create the conditions for a fruitful dialogue among these traditions and between religious and secular persons. The *lecture series* explicitly identifies the basis for this dialogue in the anthropological dimension. Such strategy seems to make possible and justify, better than other approaches, the link between bioethics and religions.

CONTENTS

Contents of the course include: a characterization of religion as a fundamental human experience; a discussion of the role of religion in the public sphere, within a multicultural context; anthropological presuppositions and bioethical implications of important Western and Eastern religious traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism.

PARTICIPANTS

The course should be of interest for health care professionals working in multicultural settings; health care ethics committees members; health care chaplains; hospital volunteers; philosophers and sociologists interested in the role of religion in the public sphere; theologians dealing with the inter-religious dialogue.

REGISTRATION

The course fee is € 600 if you register before April 30, 2013; € 700 for registration from May 1 to May 27, 2013. The fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, three lunches and a dinner. Detailed information on registration and payment will be available at www.filosofia.unipd.it/post-lauream/master/intensive-courses.

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