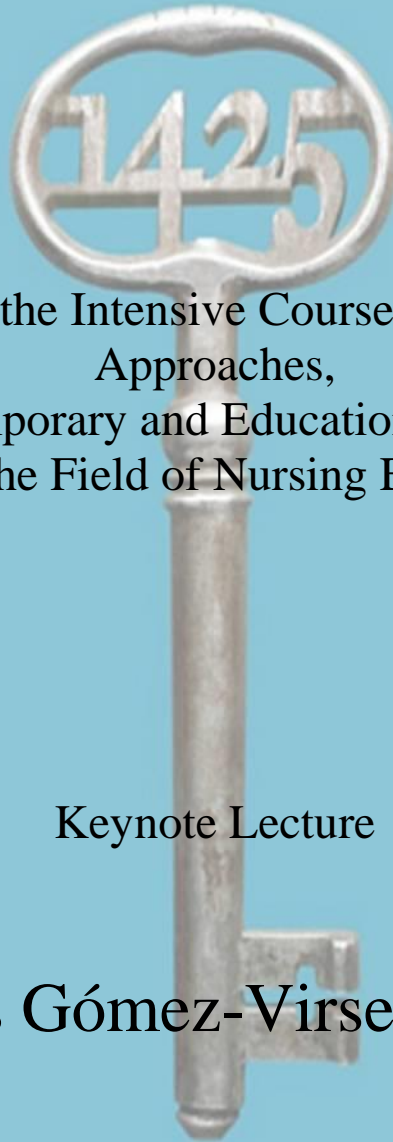




25-28 November 2024  
Leuven, Belgium

# NURSING ETHICS



12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Intensive Course on Foundational  
Approaches,  
Contemporary and Educational Issues  
in the Field of Nursing Ethics

Keynote Lecture

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> edition 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 adults. 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 is open to health care workers, people from universities and university colleges, members of ethics committees, and PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

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



## PROGRAMME

**Monday, 25 November 2024**  
**Foundational Issues**

**9h00-9h30: Welcome**

**9h30-11h00: Introduction into Nursing Ethics**  
Chris Gastmans

*11h00-11h30: Break*

**11h30-13h00: Foundational Approaches to Nursing Ethics**  
Chris Gastmans

*13h00-14h00: Lunch*

**14h00-16h00: Foundational Approaches to Nursing Ethics: Small Group Discussions**  
Chris Gastmans





## PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, 26 November 2024**  
**Contemporary and Methodological Issues**

**9h00-11h00: Moral Distress and Moral Leadership in Health Care**  
Yvonne Denier

*11h00-11h30: Break*

**11h30-13h00: Moral Distress and Moral Leadership in Health Care: Small Group Discussion**  
Yvonne Denier

*13h00-14h00: Lunch*

**14h00-15h30: Empirical Ethics in Nursing**  
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

*15h30-16h00: Break*

**16h00-17h00: Empirical Ethics in Nursing**  
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé





## PROGRAMME

**Wednesday, 27 November 2024**  
**Contemporary Issues**

**9h00-10h30: Keynote Lecture: Relational Autonomy**  
Carlos Gómez-Virseda

*10h30-11h00: Break*

**11h00-12h30: Keynote Lecture: Relational Autonomy**  
Carlos Gómez-Virseda

*12h30-13h30: Lunch*

**13h30-15h00: How Do Nurses Deal With Sexual Expression in Nursing Homes?**  
Chris Gastmans

*15h00-15h30: Break*

**15h30-17h00: Palliative Sedation: Ethical Issues From a Nursing Perspective**  
Chris Gastmans

*19:00: 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)*



## PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 28 November 2024**  
**Contemporary Issues**

**9h00-10h30: Resuscitation for Extremely Premature Infants: What Are the Ethical Issues?**

Alice Cavolo

*10h30-11h00: Break*

**11h00-12h00: Resuscitation for Extremely Premature Infants: What Are the Ethical Issues?**

Alice Cavolo

*12h00-13h00: Lunch and Farewell*





## VENUE

Park Inn by Radisson Leuven Hotel

Martelarenlaan 36, 3010 Leuven, Belgium

## REGISTRATION

The fee for the on-campus course will be € 925 if you register and pay as a participant before October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, € 1025 for registration and payment from October 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 onwards. Reduced registration fee for participants from Eastern Europe and Low Income Countries is € 725 (before October 15<sup>th</sup>) and € 825 (from October 15<sup>th</sup> onwards). This fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, four lunches and a dinner. Deadline for registration and payment: November 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Detailed information on registration and payment can be found at our website: [12th Edition of the Intensive Course on Foundational Approaches, Contemporary and Educational Issues in the Field of Nursing Ethics - KU Leuven](#) or at [www.cbmer.be](http://www.cbmer.be) under *Intensive Course in Nursing Ethics*.

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Reduced room rates for course participants are available at:

- <http://www.Parkinn.com/hotel-leuven>
- [Info.leuven@parkinn.com](mailto:Info.leuven@parkinn.com)
- Tel. 00 32 16 61 66 00

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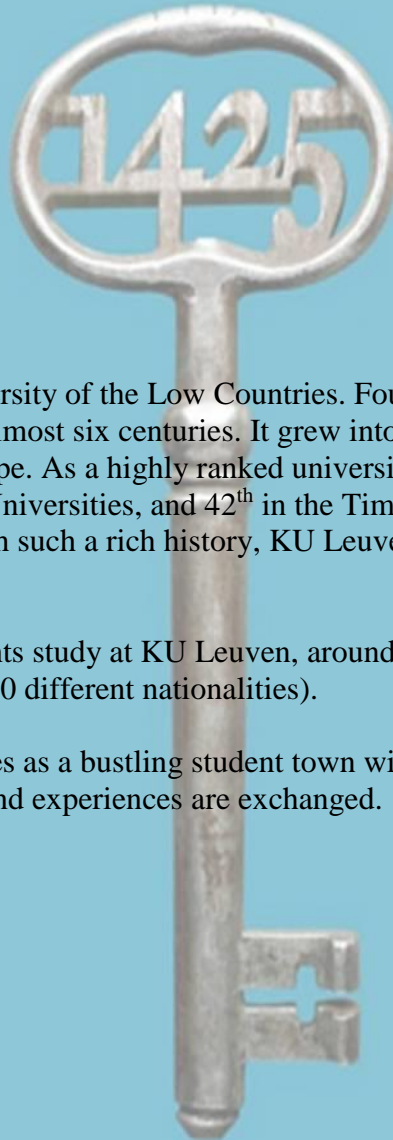
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