Indicative Reading List for - 7SSHM616 Critical Bioethics

**Topic: The Origins and Evolution of Bioethics (Dr Silvia Camporesi)**

**Typically required reading:**


**Recommended reading:**


Other resources
Warnock Report:  


You can listen to Ian Kennedy’s Unmasking Medicine BBC Lectures here:  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00gq1z0

Topic: Human Nature and the Role of Intuitions in Bioethics (Dr Silvia Camporesi)

Typically required reading:
Giubilini and Minerva’s open-letter (apology): http://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2012/03/02/an-open-letter-from-giubilini-and-minerva/ (VERY SHORT!)
John Harris clarifying his position on infanticide:  https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/…/john-harris-clarifies-his-position-on-infanticide/ (VERY SHORT!)
Midgley, Mary. (2000). Biotechnology and monstrosity: why we should pay attention to the “yuk factor”. Hastings Center Report, 30(5), 7-15. (SHORT!)

Recommended reading:


Nuffield Council on Bioethics Summary of Findings Project


Other resources
*** Watch this short video produced by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on ideas about naturalness in debates about science, technology and medicine: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8fi08Suji0
Leon Kass, former member President Council on Bioethics, speaks about ‘Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness’:
http://frontrow.bc.edu/program/kass/

**Topic: Moral Status, Personhood and Identity (Dr Silvia Camporesi)**

**Typically required reading:**

**Recommended reading:**
Buchanan, Allen. "Moral status and human enhancement." Philosophy & Public Affairs 37, no. 4 (2009): 346-381. (we will read this again for therapy/enhancement lecture week 4)
Other resources
Listen to this Philosophy Bites podcast where philosopher Jeff McMahan explains his view on moral status in conversation with Nigel Warburton!

Topic: Guest Lecture on Enhancement by Prof John Harris

Typically required reading:
Further readings will be posted on KEATS closer to the time, but in preparation for the lecture, please read these two classic papers:


Other resources
In advance of the session you can also listen to this Philosophy Bites podcast where Professor Allen Buchanan (Duke University) discusses enhancement with Nigel Warburton.

Topic: Consequentialism and Utilitarianism in Bioethics (Dr Gry Wester)

Typically required reading

Recommended reading
ethics/2015/07/06/how-to-be-a-good-consequentialist-bioethicist/  

Other resources
Watch this short video where Dr Dan Halliday discusses consequentialism with philosophers Peter Singer and Caroline West:  
http://ethicsmatterstvseries.com/01consequences/  
Visit the website of the organisation ‘The life you can save’, founded by Peter Singer: https://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/  

**Topic: Non-Consequentialist Approaches to Bioethics (Dr Gry Wester)**

Typically required reading

Recommended reading:  


**Topic: A Virtue-Ethics Approach to Bioethics (Dr Gry Wester)**

**Typically required reading:**


**Recommended reading:**


**Topic: Principlism, Common Morality and Moral Relativism (Dr Gry Wester)**

**Typically required reading:**
Beauchamp, T. L. (2010). *Standing on principles: Collected essays.* (Oxford University Press), Chapter 3 (pp. 35-49) and Chapter 9 (pp. 153-74).

**Recommended reading**
Beauchamp, T. L. (2010). Standing on principles: Collected essays. (Oxford University Press), Chapter 10 (pp 175-188) and Chapter 11 (pp 189-201).
Lindsay, R. A. (2009). Bioethics policies and the compass of common morality. *Theoretical medicine and bioethics*, 30(1), 31-
Topic: Conscientious Objection in Health Care (Dr Gry Wester)

Typically required reading

Recommended reading

Other resources
Listen to Tom Douglas’ talk, Refusing to Treat Sexual Dysfunction in Sex Offenders, [https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/refusing-treat-sexual-dysfunction-sex-offenders](https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/refusing-treat-sexual-dysfunction-sex-offenders)
**Topic: Introduction to Empirical Bioethics/Wrap up of module (Dr Gry Wester)**

**Typically required reading**