

International Conference
“Autonomy & Trust in Modern Medicine”
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INAUGURAL SPEECH:
Gerald Dworkin (USA)

Keynote speakers include:

**Michael Calnan (UK), Alastair V. Campbell (SGP), Carolyn McLeod (CA),
Marina Oshana (USA), Ulla Schmidt (NOR)**

In liberal and individualized societies patients’ right to self-determination is rightly held in high esteem. Yet, in a highly complex world defined by scientific and technological rationalities, autonomous agency can only increase when individuals develop trust in persons and trust in systems. Since autonomy is acknowledged as a key concept in modern liberal societies, the same could be true of trust. Both are means to cope with patients’ and health care professionals’ vulnerability and insecurity that grow with the ever increasing options of modern medicine. The conference will focus on approaches that attempt to understand the meaning and relation of autonomy and trust in the medical context. From different disciplinary perspectives, we want to examine how autonomy and trust depend on each other on an individual, interrelational and collective level, how they are generated or undermined and how they are justified. In particular, we aim to explore the role of organisations and institutions – like the hospital – and collective actors – like the family or patients groups. Which role do they play regarding interpretation and realisation of trust and autonomy in medicine?

Salvatore Pisu et al. (University of Cagliari-Sardegna Ricerche, Italy)
A new model of consent: Beneficence and autonomy reappraised
Angelika Walser (University of Vienna, Austria)
Women's autonomy in bioethical conflicts – A challenge to feminist theological ethics

Deliberations on autonomy and trust (Historic Observatory, Red Hall)
Chairperson: Susanne Michl (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)
Jan Beckmann (FernUniversität Hagen, Germany)
„Autonomy’ and ‚Trust’: A Conceptual Investigation
Christian Budnik (Bern University, Switzerland)
Trust and competence
Bruno Haas (Göttingen University, Germany)
Confidence, trust, and existential confrontations

Who decides? (Observatory Convention Centre, Conference Room 2)
Chairperson: Isabella Jordan (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)
Christina Schües (University of Lübeck, Germany)
Can the donor child still trust? Bone marrow transplantation between siblings
Katharina Seibel (University Medical Centre Freiburg, Germany)
Palliative patients as customers? – The patient's perspective
Peter Wehling (Augsburg University, Germany)
Trust, distrust, and autonomy: Patient organizations and biomedical research

7:30 p.m. Conference Dinner at restaurant “Planea”, Geismar Landstrasse 11, Göttingen

Friday, February 15, 2013

Chairperson: Gunnar Duttge (Göttingen University, Germany)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Michael Calnan (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
Trust and the management of uncertainty in health care

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Sonja Owusu Boakye (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)
The interrelation of autonomy and trust in (palliative) medicine
– a qualitative study on patients and their loved ones

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Break

Chairperson: Friedemann Nauck (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. Carolyn McLeod (University of Western Ontario, Canada)
Damages to Trust from Conscientious Refusals in Health Care

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Parallel sessions**

Relational aspects (Historic Observatory, Green Hall)
Chairperson: Stephanie Bernstein (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)
Andrea Dörries (Centre for Health Care Ethics, Hannover, Germany)
Fair procedures for trusting relations
Franziska Krause (University of Freiburg, Germany)
Levinas and relational autonomy

Medical decision-making (Historic Observatory, Red Hall)

Chairperson: Sonja Owusu Boakye (University Medical Center Göttingen, Germany)

Marta Spranzi (University of Versailles, France)

Meta-information trust: making information relevant

Birgitt van Oorschot (University Hospital of Würzburg, Germany)

Pros and cons of advanced directives for incurable tumor patients

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Coffee Break

Chairperson:

Reiner Anselm (Göttingen University, Germany)

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Ulla Schmidt (KIFO Centre for Church Research, Oslo, Norway)

Ambiguities of trust – a theological perspective

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Ulrike Butz (Göttingen University, Germany)

Trust – a brand mark of confessional hospitals?

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Holmer Steinfath / Anne-Marie Pindur (Göttingen University, Germany)

Autonomy, trust and well-being

5:30 p.m.

Get Together

Axel Wittmann: *Guided tour through the Historic Gauss Observatory* (optional)