

Call for Chapters- Edited Book Series on Bioethics in India

COVID-19: Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues in India

ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

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ABOUT INDIAN BIOETHICS PROJECT

Indian Bioethics Project is an independent project under Gujarat National Law University, which aims at contributing to the Indian discourses on the intersections between Bioethics and Law. There has hardly been a time in Indian history when the Indian traditions have not been in transition, except perhaps hypothetically at the very beginning of Indian civilisation. India may appear to be a culture wrapped in its past, possessed by religion, and aglow in its mystical tradition. By dealing with questions of right and wrong, ethics operates quite closely with religion, and historically, there have indeed been many intersections between religion and ethics. Given the religious plurality of India, which also adds to the cultural diversity, Indian ethics and particularly Indian Bioethics may have lessons for the pluralistic world.

CONCEPT NOTE:

The pandemic brought with it a series of bioethical and legal issues- from compulsory vaccinations, to privacy. Issues of resource allocation and triaging, social distancing, public health, privacy, surveillance, the rights of healthcare workers and patients, and questions on conduct of

clinical trials that were hitherto unanswered, the COVID-19 pandemic was every bioethicist's best and worst nightmare. These issues were complicated by the diverse health systems in India and the *sui generis* cultural and socio-economic milieu. It becomes important to document these issues, analyse them, and be prepared for the next pandemic.

SUGGESTED THEMES:

1. Courts and the Pandemic
2. Separation of Powers in the Pandemic
3. Federalism and the Pandemic
4. Ethics of Mandatory Testing
5. Ethical Issues in Lockdown
6. Migrant Workers and the Pandemic
7. Arogya Setu and COWIN: Ethical and Legal Issues
8. Ethical and Legal Issues in Clinical Trials in India
9. Clinical Ethics and the Role of Healthcare Professionals
10. Scientific Transparency and Knowledge-Creation During the Pandemic

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Eligibility:** Submissions are welcome from academicians, students, and professionals.
- **Word Limit:** The chapter may be between 4000 and 5000 words including footnotes.
- **Authors' Details:** Details about the author(s), including qualifications and institutional affiliations, if any, are to be mentioned in the cover letter. Co-authorship (of up to 2 authors) is permitted.
- **Abstract:** The chapter must be accompanied by an abstract of 150-200 words.
- **Citation:** A uniform mode of citation Chicago Manual of Style 17th Edition must be followed throughout the chapter.
- **Formatting Details:**
 - Text: Times New Roman, Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5, Justified
 - Footnotes: Times New Roman, Size 10, Line Spacing 1.0, Justified
- **Submission:** All submissions are to be made via e-mail as MS Word documents at: gibp@gnlu.ac.in

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date of submission of abstract: 8th September 2021
- Communication of acceptance of abstract: 8th October 2021
- Last date of submission of the full chapter: 20th December 2021
- Communication of suggestions for amendments, if any, in the full chapter: 31st January 2022
- Final submission of full chapters, after incorporation of suggested amendments: 14th February 2022

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