

14th Student Bioethics Workshop “Bioethics and Mass Media”

DATE AND PLACE: Mali Lošinj, Croatia, 20-23 May 2018

ORGANIZERS: Croatian Philosophical Society; Croatian Bioethics Society; Town of Mali Lošinj; Centre of Excellence for Integrative Bioethics; Students of Philosophy Association, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb; Department of Philosophy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb

For undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE SCHOOL: Croatian, exceptionally also English

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DESCRIPTION: Within the framework of international scientific-cultural manifestation *17th Lošinj Days of Bioethics*, in Mali Lošinj (Croatia), from 20 to 23 May 2018, there will be held fourteenth *Student Bioethics Workshop*, which organisers are Students of Philosophy Association, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, and Student Circle of Collaborators of the Centre of Excellence for Integrative Bioethics, in cooperation with the organisers of the *Lošinj Days of Bioethics* (Croatian Philosophical Society, Croatian Bioethics Society, Town of Mali Lošinj) and Department of Philosophy of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb. It is expected that, like in the previous years, more than fifty students of different profiles from Croatia and other countries of Southeast Europe will participate in this *Student Bioethics Workshop* through their own presentations, discussions, workshops and other activities. The topic of this year's *Student Bioethics Workshop* is “Bioethics and Mass Media”. On one hand, mass media helped in popularisation of bioethical problems in the public, while on the other hand, they challenge their own meaning through their doubtful practices. It can be applied especially to contemporary (global) mass media, because in the world in which different parts of the world are simultaneously receiving information and reacting to them, contemporary forms of government exert a pressure on state and public mass media, which endangers freedom of public space of communication and leads towards the privatisation of information. Corruptive practices additionally reinforce one-sidedness of the media contents and limit public reception of complete truth, so that the truth depends on the social environment which embraces particular target groups and individuals. Recent phenomenon of “hybrid wars” and influence of traditional and contemporary media on extremisation of the treatment of the “others” in Europe sharpen the question on the role and responsibility of the media and interactive multimedia, while in ideologically mediated speech they blur variety of perspectives which exist in all the dimension of the life of the media. This year's *Student Bioethics Workshop* wants to contribute to the orientation within the entirety of this issue.