



Call for Papers

Ethical issues arising at the intersection of biomedical sciences and politics

Biomedical sciences and politics have always been closely intertwined, and throughout history, their intersection has given rise to a multitude of ethical issues. Decisions made in the political realm significantly impact biomedical research, and the results of biomedical research often inform political decision-making. Issues such as climate change, assisted reproductive technologies, and embryo and stem-cell research represent some of the many issues on which we have a vast body of scientific evidence to inform our thinking. However, decision-making in these realms is often guided by power dynamics and political agendas. The relationship between biomedical sciences and politics is complex and multifaceted, and it is essential to explore the ethical dimensions of this intersection to ensure that scientific evidence can be part of the political discourse without compromising its values.

The aim of this special issue of Bioethica Forum is to bring together contributions of junior and established scholars from various fields such as medicine, philosophy, social and political sciences, law, engineering sciences, biology, public administration, and governance, among others, which address ethical issues at the intersection of biomedical sciences and politics.

Contributions could cover, but are not restricted to, the topics outlined above and can be submitted in English, French or German.

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