

Workshop: Case-based workshop on the Mainz Model of Reconstructive Clinical Ethics:

“Why can’t she just live? Why can’t she just go?” In search for therapeutic goals for a patient with a locked-in syndrome.

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The art of clinical ethics is performed in locally and culturally contingent ways. While the situated practice of clinical ethics is an essential element of adequacy in a given context on one hand, it leaves clinical ethicists with the problem of assuring the quality of both, the process and results of clinical ethics counseling in a non-arbitrary way. The Mainz Model of Reconstructive Clinical Ethics provides a theory based but contextually open approach to tackle this problem. This hands-on workshop will introduce the Mainz Model by applying it to a real case of a women suffering from a locked-in syndrome after cerebral apoplexy. Participants will be introduced in the reconstruction, analysis, and ethical evaluation as if it would happen in any clinical ethics consultation using the Mainz Model. By means of the specific approach of subject centered and role-based moderation the group will generate recommendations for the treatment of the patients, which will be evaluated by reference to the actual outcome of the case.

The group size will be limited to 15, a pre-registration is required.