



Thinking bioethics

Past talks

Talk 1: Ethical Theories, September 2011

In our first talk Dr Trevor Stammers, Programme Director provided a whirlwind tour of the main schools of Western ethical thinking today.

For further details click [here](#)

Dr Stammers' recommended supplementary reading can be found [here](#)

Talk 2: The Human Person, October 2011

In the second of our talks Dr David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre looked at the key concepts of the human person in western philosophical tradition.

For further details click [here](#)

Dr Jones' recommended supplementary reading can be found [here](#)

Talk 3: At the beginning of life, November 2011

In this talk Anthony McCarthy, bioethicist and former Research Fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, invited us to reflect on the origin and nature of early human life and how this life should be treated.

Further details can be found [here](#)

The recommended supplementary reading for this talk may be found [here](#)

Talk 4: Towards the End of Life, January 2012

In this talk Dr Adrian Treloar, Consultant in Old Age Psychiatry at Oxleas NHS Trust and pioneer in advanced dementia care at home, invited us to consider what we mean by a ‘good death’. What is palliative care and when is it appropriate? In what circumstances, if ever, is deprivation of consciousness acceptable and is it ever right to discontinue hydration?

Further details can be found [here](#)

Dr Treloar’s recommended supplementary reading for this talk may be found [here](#)

Talk 5: Medical law, February 2012

In this talk James Bogle, a Barrister of the Middle Temple specialising in medical law, examined recent developments in medical law and their implications: Does medical law make sense or have judges and legislators, in their anxiety to respect personal autonomy and respond pragmatically to perceived need, rendered the law “morally and intellectually misshapen?”

Further details can be found [here](#)

The recommended supplementary reading for this talk may be found [here](#)

Talk 6: Theology of the Body, March 2012

Edmund Adamus, Director of Pastoral Affairs for Westminster Diocese, invited us to step back from the central themes of these talks and consider the teachings of Blessed Pope John Paul, brought together as the Theology of the Body and their relevance to ‘thinking bioethics’.

Further details can be found [here](#)

The recommended supplementary reading for this talk can be found [here](#)