

The Interprofessional Institute (IPI) which forms part of the South West London Academic Network, provides the focus for leading interprofessional developments in practice, education and research generated by the Alliance's partners within the broad field of health and social care.

IPI works with external stakeholders and across disciplines to maximise expertise and potential in the partner institutions to promote new roles and learning pathways for practice, academic and research careers. The Institute will undertake collaborative research that advances knowledge of interprofessional work and collaborative practice and uses a variety of conceptual, empirical and methodological approaches.

Members of IPI come from a range of disciplines, including healthcare informatics, sociology, policy, health sciences and the health and social care professions (medicine, nursing, midwifery, radiography, physiotherapy, social work).

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Reflections on Professional Ethics

Speakers:

Dr Bob Brecher, University of Brighton

and

Dr Joan McCarthy, University College Cork

Thursday 13 March 2008
St George's, University of London

'Against Professional Ethics'

Dr Bob Brecher, University of Brighton

Dr Brecher argues that the idea of ethics is increasingly being invoked as a means of minimising risk, both to 'the client' and, therefore, to the supplier.

In particular, ethical codes of professional practice are seen as guaranteeing appropriate 'standards'. He argues that, far from indicating an 'ethicisation' of the free market, this simply serves to harness ethics to the business of institutionalising neo-liberal ideology. There are three main ways in which 'professional ethics' constitute a moral deformation:

- (1) They are self-serving
- (2) They discourage moral thought and action.
- (3) Codes and rules serve to exclude issues from moral consideration.

'Understanding Professional Misconduct from a Feminist Perspective: the hysterectomy scandal at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, Ireland.'

Dr Joan McCarthy, University College Cork

Dr McCarthy reflects on the actions of a small number of midwives working in the Maternity Unit of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda who complained to other staff and to the Health Board in late 1998, that they believed that the senior consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Dr Neary, who worked there, was carrying out an unusual number of caesarean hysterectomies and that some of his clinical practices were out of date. Dr Neary was struck off the Medical Register in September 2003. Dr McCarthy analyses the events at the Lady of Lourdes drawing on feminist ethics which considers the impact of gender roles and gendered understandings on the moral lives of individual human beings and draws attention to the power and power differentials inherent in moral relationships at individual, societal and organisational levels.

You are invited to attend a free evening seminar

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5.00pm to 7.00pm

Followed by a wine reception

**Boardrooms 3 and 4
Hunter Wing
St George's, University of London
Cranmer Terrace
London SW17 0RE**

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