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Panelist Bios

Sedem Adiabu, MPH

Sedem Adiabu is a Global Health consultant committed to health justice and quality education for all. She has a background in research, operations management, and policymaking. She has previously worked in Ghana, Zambia, and South Sudan on efforts to support equitable health solutions across marginalized populations. She currently is an associate fellow of the GE2P2 global foundation and functions in a secretariat capacity for the Global Forum on Research Ethics and Integrity (GFREI). Her research interests include decolonizing Global Health, Global Health field ethics, social determinants of health research, and rural health development.

Thalia (Talia) Arawi, PhD

Dr. Arawi (BA, Sociology, MA, Political and Moral Philosophy) PhDs (Philosophy and Bioethics) is Founding Director of the Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program (SHBPP) at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine and Medical Center. The SHBPP the first and only Regional Bioethics and Professionalism Program in the Arab Region and was recently announced as the first WHO Collaborating Center for Ethics in the Arab Region. Dr. Arawi is the first Arab to specialize in Bioethics. She is also the Clinical Bioethicist, Clinical Ethics Consultant and Certified Healthcare Mediator at AUBMC where she established the first Bed-Side Clinical Ethics Consultation Service in the Arab Region. Dr. Arawi is the first Arab member to be appointed on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Bioethics and is also member of the American Society of Bioethics, the Canadian Society of Bioethics, the Provincial Health Ethics Network and, the UK Clinical Ethics Network, to mention but a few. Dr. Arawi is also the first Arab consultant at the Center for Conflict Resolution in Healthcare LLC, Memphis TN and member of WHO Ethics Working Groups and was appointed as Liaison Officer and Bioethics Focal Point to the Prime Minister. Dr. Arawi published the first of its kind Bioethics Dictionary in Arabic with Dr. Ruhi Ballbaki (dar al Ilm lil malayin publishers, 2018) and recently published a book, *Towards a Post Flexnerian Revolution: Graduating the Virtuous Physician*, AUB Press, 2022. Her third book, *77 Days with Rumi* (Dar Nelson) was released this November (2023). She has participated in a multitude of national, regional and international conferences and has several publications on bioethics. Her research interests are mainly in the areas of clinical ethics, biomedical ethics, philosophy of medicine, humanitarian medicine, ethics and refugees, access to Healthcare, bioethics in conflict zones, ethics and mental health and medical education.

Dr. Beate Aurich

Dr. Aurich is a Fellow of the GE2P2 Global Foundation, a pharmacovigilance/ drug safety physician, paediatrician (MRCPCH London) and ‘conect4children’ (c4c) paediatric pharmacovigilance expert. She has over twenty years pharmacovigilance and drug safety experience in pharmaceutical industry (Director Global Drug Safety, 2006-2015, GSK, Novartis) and academia (Research Physician DSRU [UK], an MD [pharmacoepidemiology, UK] and Project Leader Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology Robert Debré Hospital, [Paris]). Since 2021 she is a freelance consultant for academia, industry and c4c.

Daima Bukini, PhD

Daima Bukini, holds a BSc (majors in Microbiology) from University of Dar es Salaam (2004), also completed Masters program in Bioethics from University of Pennsylvania (2013) and Masters in Public Health from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (2014). She completed her PhD program in 2022, investigating the Ethical, Legal and Sociocultural Issues (ELSI) on Newborn Screening (NBS) for Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) in Tanzania. In 2018/ 2019, she was awarded the commonwealth PhD split site scholarship at the University of Oxford’s Ethox Centre of Bioethics. She is a member of the ELSI working group for the SickleInAfrica and member of the H3Africa Data and Biospecimen Access Committee (DBAC). She is an associate fellow of the GE2P2 global foundation and the co-editor of the GE2P2 monthly genomic medicine digest. Daima is currently one of the principal investigators for the Sickle Advanced Therapy Program at MUHAS. The program aims to build capacity for researchers, health care providers, patient advocates to promote, strengthen and build partnerships to develop advanced therapy interventions for Sickle Cell Disease in Africa.

David R Curry, MS

David Curry is President & CEO of the GE2P2 Global Foundation, an NGO advancing scientific rigor, ethical resilience, and integrity in research and evidence generation across health, human rights, humanitarian action, education and development. He co-founded the Foundation in 2016 as a spin-off of the Division of Medical Ethics, NYU School of Medicine. David was associate faculty of the Division from 2013 – 2022. David is also CEO of GE2P2 Global Advisory Services, an affiliate of the Foundation which provide bioethics, operational and strategic advisory support to selected public sector, INGO, academic and commercial organizations. [Word Count: 94]

Mariam Hassan, MBBS, MSc

Mariam Hassan is clinical researcher and a bioethicist at a not-for-profit cancer treatment and research facility in Pakistan. She holds a first professional degree in medicine and an MSc in clinical trials completed from the University of Edinburgh, UK. She also holds a post graduate diploma in bioethics from the Centre of Biomedical Ethics and Culture (CBEC) , Pakistan, the first WHO collaborative centre for Bioethics in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Her

professional career spans 18 years during which she held leadership roles and has been responsible for oversight of the scientific and ethical review of research as well as responsible research conduct, research related education, capacity development and policy making. She has worked in various consulting and collaborative capacities with international academic and development sectors including the WHO (World Health Organization), The Global Health Network (TGHN) , Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the University of Stanford, USA. Her interests include capacity development for high quality health research in low resource settings and exploring the role of syndemic frameworks in control of non-communicable diseases

Fernando Lolas, MD IDFAPA

Dr. Lolas is currently Professor at the University of Chile and at the Central University of Chile, Director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Studies in Bioethics at the University of Chile and Vice-President for Latin America of the World Federation for Mental Health. NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in Neuroscience and Alumni Prize of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation with specialization in Psychosomatic Medicine at the University of Heidelberg (Germany) has published extensively in the fields of psychiatry and bioethics and serves on the editorial board of relevant journals (World Psychiatry, World Social Psychiatry, Acta Bioethica, BMC Medical Ethics, Transcultural Psychiatry, among others).

He is a PI in NIH-funded grants for Bioethics and Research Integrity Training and former Member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee, the contributions of GFREI have been essential for getting a comparative view on international documents for which public consultations have been made. The main result from this participation has been to increase awareness on practices for human research oversight and the development of training materials for advanced students and practitioners. Outcomes from this exercise over time have been integrated into practices at institutions in Chile, Argentina, and Mexico, as consultant and adviser to different academic institutions.

Rita Sitorus, MD, PhD

Rita Sita Sitorus – a professor, senior researcher at Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia, CiptoMangunkusumo Hospital – is a pediatric-ophthalmologist. She spent about 5 years in Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, performing research on clinical & molecular-genetic eye diseases, completed PhD-degree at Vrije University-mc, Amsterdam. She is the chairperson of REC FMUI, CM Hospital; Supervisory Board of Forum for Indonesian Recognized-REC (FIRREC), member of Reviewer Team of Transfer of Material, Information, Data-Content of the Health-Development-Policy-Agency, Indonesia Ministry of Health. Her special interests include capacity building for high quality RECs, academic research institute in LMICs, developing collaborative network on ethics and integrity globally.

Yeyang Su, PhD

Dr Yeyang Su is an Associate Research Fellow at Hangzhou Institute of Medicine, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Her research resides at the intersection of novel medicine, society and policy. With education and research backgrounds in genetics/genomics, bioethics and anthropology, she aims to use transdisciplinary research to enrich our understanding of anthropos in the contemporary, wherein our in-the-making relations and interactions with novel health technologies play a critical role. To better understand the potential and implications of health innovations in the real world, Dr Su has been working closely with various research and industry communities as well as patients and patient organisations. Her recent research focuses on the emerging patient-driven rare diseases research and AI for Science initiatives in China.

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