

**30<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE  
ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**

**Ethics and Social Determinants of Health**

**17 – 20 August, 2016  
Istanbul, Turkey**

This conference will be organised by the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH) and the Department of Medical History and Ethics, Acibadem University School of Medicine, Istanbul. Abstracts addressing the following topics will be favoured, although work on other topics can also be submitted:

**Focus**

The focus of the conference is on ethical and philosophical issues related to “Ethics and Social Determinants of Health”. Abstracts addressing the following topics will be favoured, although work on other topics can also be submitted:

**Ethical concerns around inequities and disparities**

- Living and working conditions
- Employment / unemployment
- Early childhood development
- Elderly care
- Disability / vulnerability
- Income and income distribution
- Ethnicity, gender, and health
- Immigration and war
- Epidemics and re-emerging diseases
- Non-communicable diseases

**Ethics and health policy**

- Health systems
- Health care reform
- Health insurance
- Primary health care
- Reproductive health policy
- Mental health policy

**Theoretical approaches**

- Social medicine
- Rawls’ theory of justice
- Sen’s capabilities approach
- Public health ethics
- Health care ethics
- Environmental health ethics
- Social responsibility, solidarity
- Sharing of benefits

**Ethics and public policy**

- Social and economic rights
- Right to health
- Access to essential medicines
- Globalization and commercialization
- Policies for sustainable environment
- Health law and ethics
- Payment regimes / Performance based payment
- Global warming and natural disasters

**Important Dates**

<b>1 March 2016:</b>	Deadline for submission of abstracts
<b>1<sup>st</sup> half of March 2016:</b>	Selection of abstracts
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> half of March 2016:</b>	Draft programme
<b>1 April 2016:</b>	First deadline for registration and payment

**Language**

The language for the conference will be English.

## Organization

The registration process, call for abstracts, development of the programme, publication of programme announcements and mailings to participants will be taken care of by the ESPMH Secretariat in Dublin, Ireland.

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## The Department of History of Medicine and Ethics

*Acibadem University School of Medicine, Department of History of Medicine and Ethics* started to operate with the establishment of the university in 2009. The focus of Department's studies are the main issues of bioethics, bioethics education, professionalism, professional values, ethical dimension of new medical technologies, neuroethics, neuropsychiatry and ethics; history of medicine, history of modernization in medical education, history of psychiatry, health policy, mental health policy. Members of the department are Prof. Yesim Isil Ulman, Ph.D.,(Chair) and Assist. Prof. Fatih Artvinli, Ph.D. The Department hosts the Cambridge Bioethics Education Working Groups Network established under Cambridge University Press in 2013 <http://www.acibadem.edu.tr/en-en/akademik/fakulte/tip/bolumler/temeltip/cbewgw/Sayfalar/About-Us.aspx> For more information about the Department please click: <http://www.acibadem.edu.tr/en-en/akademik/fakulte/tip/bolumler/temeltip/Sayfalar/Tip-Tarihi-Etik.aspx>

## Registration

A registration form can be downloaded from the ESPMH website ([www.espmh.org](http://www.espmh.org)). This should be completed and returned, and the registration fee should be paid, no later than **1 April 2016** in order to qualify for the early bird registration fee (see below). Fees are higher after that date. The fee should be paid to the ESPMH Treasurer (details provided on the registration form).

## Registration Fee

**The registration fee for participants covers:** the welcome reception (Wednesday), two lunches, the refreshments during breaks, the conference dinner (Friday) and an abstract booklet.

**The registration fee for accompanying persons covers:** the welcome reception (Wednesday) and the conference dinner (Friday).

A reduced registration fee is applicable for participants who are members of the ESPMH.

### Participants:

#### **Paid before 1 April 2016:**

ESPMH member: € 440

Non member: € 490

#### **Paid after 1 April 2016:**

ESPMH member: € 500

Non member: € 550

### Accompanying person:

**Paid before 1 April 2015:** € 100

**Paid after 1 April 2015:** € 120

## Getting to Istanbul

### By air

Turkish Airlines is the official carrier of ESPMH 2016 and offers up to 20% discount on business and economy class tickets for participants flying to both airports in İstanbul. The discount code can be found on the congress website with additional information. Turkish Airlines flies directly from over 150 cities in Europe to Istanbul, all major cities are covered. Turkish Airlines is a member of Star Alliance.

Istanbul has two international airports; Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST) and Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (SAW). Ataturk Airport is located at the European part of Istanbul and is the closest airport to the congress venue. Sabiha Gokcen Airport offers relatively economic flights from all major cities of Europe.

### Airport Shuttles

Airport shuttles are available every 30 minutes (and every hour between 2.00 to 6.00 am) during the day and night from Istanbul Ataturk Airport to Taksim. The airport shuttle point is in front of the Point Taksim Hotel, the congress venue. Airport shuttle is 15.00 TRY and can be paid in cash in the bus. Taxi fare between Istanbul Ataturk Airport and Taksim is around 60.00 TRY however might vary according to traffic.

### Domestic Transportation

**Taxi:** Taking a taxi is an easy and cheap way to get around. You won't have a problem finding a taxi, day or night. Licensed taxis are bright yellow, with a roof-mounted taksi sign. There's no

room for haggling and no need to tip. Cabbies are not necessarily streetwise. It's not unusual for your driver to ask you, other drivers or passers-by the way. If you cross the Bosphorus bridges, the toll will be added to the fare.

**Bus system:** Buses are useful for heading up the Bosphorus coast to Ortaköy, Arnavutköy, Bebek and beyond. Most city buses (Belediye Otobüsü) are operated by the municipality, but there are also private buses (Halk Otobüsü). Municipal buses are red and white or green; all have IETT written on the front. Private ones are pale blue and green.

The informative website of the IETT [www.iETT.gov.tr](http://www.iETT.gov.tr), the local transport authority, has an excellent English version that includes maps and timetables.

**Funiculars:** The older of these lines is the Tünel (the second in the world after London). Two trains run every 3.5 minutes on a single rail line with a passing loop half way between the termini, and a trip takes 1.5 minutes. 15,000 people are transported daily. The modern funicular running between Kabataş – Taksim Square.

**Light Rail:** There are 36 stations, including 12 underground and 3 viaduct stations, on the line's 32 km length. The lines are totally segregated from other traffic without level crossings and run underground for 10.2 km.

**Metro:** The Istanbul Metro is a mass-transit underground railway network that serves the city of İstanbul, Turkey. Founded in 2000, it now includes 10 stations. The system currently consists of one line. This line is a north - south line. It is a serpentine shaped line, and is fully underground. This is the most popular for long distance travelling. This ticket is valid in all metro, tram, light rail, funicular, ferry boat & bus.

**Nostalgic Trams:** By the end of 1990, a historic tram was put in service along Istiklal Avenue between Taksim and Tünel, which is a single 1.6 km-long line. About 641,000 people were transported by the nostalgic trams in 2003 in European and Asian sides.

**Trams:** An entire trip takes 42 minutes. The daily transport capacity is 255,000 passengers. End of this line connects to Taksim via Kabataş – Taksim funicular.

## Currency

Turkey uses Turkish Liras as currency. All facilities accept cash in Turkish Liras. Some might accept USD or EUR however it is highly recommended to keep Turkish Lira with you. Exchange offices are almost everywhere and open during the day. They work with good rates and do not require commission. Mastercard and Visa are available in all restaurants and shops however taxis do not offer credit card payment.

## Visa

Republic of Turkey Government has launched an e-visa program for passengers travelling to Turkey. Istanbul Ataturk Airport has become quite a busy hub for international flights across the world and due to heavy traffic in the airport, visa process times might be long and participants might experience some unwanted long waiting time after landing. In order to prevent that we kindly ask you to check your country's visa status and buy an e-visa before landing in Turkey.

Check your country's visa status and buy online visa @ <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

## Social Programme

The traditional congress gala dinner will be held as a dinner cruise along Bosphorus on August 19th.

All participants are welcome to join us for a 4 hour Bosphorus Cruise, with an exquisite sample of Turkish cuisine and unlimited drinks.

The shuttles will leave from Point Taksim Hotel at 19:30 on August 19 and will return back to Taksim at 24:00 latest.

**To get information about Istanbul and city tours see:**

[www.espmh2016.org](http://www.espmh2016.org)

## Conference venue

The congress will be held at The Point Hotel Taksim. Please find below all necessary information regarding the venue.

A map can be found at <http://www.espmh2016.org/venue.html>

Point Hotel Taksim

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## Accommodation

Accommodation with special congress rates are offered at the congress website for various hotels. You can book your room online from the congress hotel and nearby hotels within your budget. Please check the accommodation page on the congress website: [www.espmh2016.org](http://www.espmh2016.org)

## Abstract booklet, programme & papers

All participants will be provided with a programme as well as an abstract booklet at the registration desk. The programme will also be made available online well in advance.

Full manuscripts of presented papers can be submitted for publication in the ESPMH journal "Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy. A European Journal". Participants are invited to read the instructions for authors on the website of the journal and to submit an appropriately prepared article online for review (see: <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/applied+ethics/journal/11019>).

## About Turkey

TURKEY has been called "the cradle of civilizations" and one can discover what this literally means only by traveling in this land of history. The world's first town, a neolithic city at Çatalhöyük, dates back to 6500 BC. From the days of Çatalhöyük up to the present time Turkey boasts of a rich culture that through the centuries has left a lasting foot-print on modern civilization.

Being the heir of many centuries of culture makes Turkey a paradise of knowledge and cultural heritage. Hattis, Hittites, Phrygians, Urartians, Lycians, Ionians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks and Ottomans have all occupied crucial places in the historical background of

Turkey and ancient sites and ruins scattered throughout the country give proof to each civilization's unique distinction.

There is no doubt that one visit will not be enough, and you will want to come back again and again as you discover one extraordinary place after another. All of them, no matter how different, have one thing Turkey is a paradise of sun, sea, mountains and lakes that offers the vacationer a complete change from the stress and routine of everyday life. From April to October, most places in Turkey have an ideal climate that is perfect for relaxing on sandy beaches or enjoying the tranquility of mountains and lakes.

## About Istanbul

Istanbul offers an unforgettable experience with its colorful daily life and dynamic nightlife. It is also an attractive destination for international events with its world class accommodation and convention facilities.

Istanbul is a natural gateway spread over two continents, Europe and Asia, divided by the Turkish Straits. It is also a metropolis proud of its rich history of 8000 years.

The natural beauty, exciting sights building a bridge between the past and modern times, and the modern infrastructure of the city makes Istanbul a unique meeting place for international business congresses and meetings.

As Napoleon Bonaparte said, "If the world was a single country, Istanbul would be the capital of it". Istanbul is also the capital of art and culture with a rich tradition in opera and ballet, theatres performing both Turkish and foreign plays, concerts, art exhibitions, festivals, auctions, conferences and of course unique museums.

The city also boasts the country's greatest and finest universities. Istanbul has been proclaimed European Capital of Culture for 2010; a recognition that can only further enhance its status as an exciting and intriguing meeting destination. As an imperial capital for 8000 years, Istanbul has acquired a highly original personality. At every turn in the city you are faced with Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman palaces, mosques, churches, monasteries, monuments, walls and ruins.

Istanbul is increasing its appeal for the international meeting industry every year as a result of its growing importance for international trade, commerce and industry, constantly improving infrastructure, international networking and active involvement of national associations and corporations and universities.

The city hosted many important and large scale international congresses and events within the past 10 years and became a preferred destination for international congresses.