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University of Sydney

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**Public Health, Pluralism, and  
the Telos of Political Virtue**

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**I. Glenn Cohen**

Havard Law School

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3.00-4.00 pm

**AI in Medicine:  
Legal and Ethical Issues**



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## About Kathryn MacKay

Kathryn MacKay is a Senior Lecturer at Sydney Health Ethics. Kathryn's background is in philosophy and bioethics, and her research involves examining issues of human flourishing at the intersection of ethics, feminist theory, and political philosophy.

Kathryn's research is mainly focussed on developing a theory of virtue for public health ethics, and on the ethics of public health communication. She is currently writing a book about public health virtue ethics.

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## Public Health, Pluralism, and the Telos of Political Virtue

In the ethics of public health, questions of virtue, that is, questions of what it means for public health to act excellently, have received little attention. One reason this omission needs remedy is that delivering public health outcomes can be in tension with goals like respect for the self-determination or non-oppression of different groups, or respecting liberty. A virtue-ethics approach is flexible and well-suited for the kind of deliberation required to resolve or mitigate such tension. Public health requires practically wise and careful thinking, which virtue ethics brings with it. Furthermore, too tight a focus on delivering outcomes in determining how public health should act has, in some cases, actually undermined its ability to achieve those consequences. However, the main concern about incorporating virtue into public health in a pluralistic society is likely to be that virtue is generally teleological, and we would surely need some widely agreed upon idea of something like flourishing or the common good for this to work.

In this paper, I propose that for public health to express virtue in its work, it must express a commitment to justice as it goes about its business promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of society. Justice is both a contributor toward better health for groups in society, and a worthwhile goal in its own right. I will sketch an argument that justice as non-oppression – not merely health equity – is the right telos toward which public health should aim in a pluralist society.

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## About I. Glenn Cohen

Professor I. Glenn Cohen is the James A. Attwood and Leslie Williams Professor of Law, Deputy Dean and Faculty Director of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School.

He is one of the world's leading experts on the intersection of bioethics and law, as well as health law. He has advised the U.S. Vice President on reproductive rights, discussed medical AI policy with members of the Korean Congress, and lectured to legal, medical, and industry conferences around the world.

Glenn's current projects relate to medical AI, mobile health and other health information technologies, abortion, reproduction/reproductive technology, the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, research ethics, organ transplantation, rationing in law and medicine, health policy, FDA law, translational medicine, medical tourism and many other topics.

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### AI in Medicine: Legal and Ethical Issues

This talk will focus on the use of artificial intelligence (especially machine learning) in health care and the legal and ethical issues it raises. It will cover, amongst other things: liability, informed consent, privacy, data ownership, explainability, and the update problem in regulating AI in medicine. No prior background in AI, medicine, law, or ethics will be assumed.