



## NOVEMBER ISSUE 2020

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## Top story in this newsletter

## CPD Event: (Webinar) Health and Artificial Intelligence: Law, Ethics and Society



## Ethical Considerations and Policy Development:

7 Dec 2020 (Mon), 7pm - 9pm (Hong Kong Time)

Responsible AI and the Law: 8 Dec 2020 (Tue), 7pm - 9pm (Hong Kong Time)

Language: English | Registration: Click [here](#)

Continuing Medical Education (CME) accreditation: Pending

Accreditation by the Law Society of Hong Kong: 2 CPD points per session

「醫療與人工智能：法律、倫理與社會」網上研討會

「倫理因素與制定政策」：2020年12月7日(一)晚上7至9時(香港時間)

「負責任的人工智能與法律」：2020年12月8日(二)晚上7至9時(香港時間)

語言:英語 | 報名:[按此](#) | 持續醫學進修學分:待定 | 香港律師會持續專業進修:每節2分

## In the News: New Zealand referendum: assisted dying will become legal



In a referendum, a majority of New Zealanders have voted in support of the End of Life Choice Act coming into force. After the act comes into force in 2021, it will be lawful to offer assisted dying to terminally ill persons who meet the requirements. Read more [here](#).

最近新西蘭公投大比數支持《生命終止選擇法》實施生效，該法將把協助符合規定的晚期病人終止生命合法化，該法將於2021年生效，[按此](#)閱讀更多。

## Publications: Recent publications by CMEL members



[Journal article]

1. [“Heralding the Digitalization of Life in Post-Pandemic East Asian Societies”](#)

[Open Access]

By Associate Professor [Calvin Ho](#), Dr Karel Caals & Dr Haihong Zhang  
In *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* (2020)<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11673-020-10050-7>

[Book chapter]

1. [“Hong Kong: The Healthcare Professions and the Outbreak”](#)By Associate Professor [Calvin Ho](#) & Assistant Professor [Daisy Cheung](#)Published in *Covid-19 in Asia*, a book edited by Victor V. Ramraj, Oxford University Press (2020)

[期刊文章]

1. [《預示大流行後東亞社會的生活數碼化》](#) [免費閱覽]作者: [何維倫](#) 副教授、Karel Caals 博士及 Haihong Zhang 博士

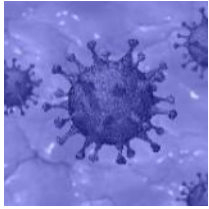
刊登於《生物倫理學研究期刊》(2020年)

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1. [《香港：醫療專業與疫情爆發》](#)作者: [何維倫](#) 副教授 及 [張天目](#) 助理教授 | 收錄於 Victor V. Ramraj 所編輯的《亞洲的2019冠狀病毒病疫症》一書(2020年, 牛津大學出版社)

## Knowledge Exchange:



### Compulsory COVID-19 testing and autonomy

Our Dr Calvin Ho shared in a recent [interview](#) his views on hypothetical compulsory COVID-19 testing schemes, which present a number of ethical and legal considerations. In the interview, reference was made to the right to self-determination in an international covenant to illustrate different concepts of autonomy that are recognised in the law. While the right to self-determination should not be read as forming the basis of a court action to challenge a compulsory testing scheme, it underscores the importance of according recognition and securing trust, even if restrictive measures implemented under such a scheme have legal and public health justifications. Dr Ho will be speaking on this topic in a webinar, entitled “Looking Forward/Looking Back: Law, Ethics, Policy in the Age of COVID-19”, to be hosted by the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law on 3rd December (Thursday), 11am (time in Hong Kong). This event is free and open to the public: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/looking-forward-looking-back-law-ethics-policy-in-the-age-of-covid-19-tickets-125824463357>.

在最近一次採訪中，本中心何維倫副教授分享了他對假設性 2019 冠狀病毒病強制檢測計劃的看法，強制檢測計劃牽涉不少法律及倫理議題。採訪中提到國際公約中的自決權作為法律認可的各種自主概念的例子。雖然自決權不應作為在法律上挑戰強制檢測計劃的基礎，但是自決權在強制檢測計劃的爭議中無疑是舉足輕重的，鑑於自決（自主）的重要性，即使某個強制檢測計劃所施加的限制在法律上和公共衛生方面有理據支持，爭取對該計劃的認同和信任仍是相當重要的。何副教授將在一場網絡研討會上就該主題演講，該網絡研討會由澳大利亞生物倫理與健康法協會舉辦，題為「向前看/往後看：2019 冠狀病毒病時代的法律、倫理與政策」，將於 12 月 3 日（星期四）上午 11 時（香港時間）舉行。活動免費，歡迎公眾參與，請於 <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/looking-forward-looking-back-law-ethics-policy-in-the-age-of-covid-19-tickets-125824463357> 報名。

## Grant:



### WHO research grant on digitalization of public health interventions

Dr Calvin Ho has been awarded a research grant from the World Health Organization for the proposal “Comparative Analysis of the Digitalization of Public Health Interventions in India and China” pursuant to its grant call on [“The Ethics of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response”](#). The project will be led by CMEL, and will also involve in its study team researchers from Peking University, Public Health Foundation of India, National University of Singapore, and University of Zurich.

世界衛生組織早前就「[公共衛生突發事件的預備和應變措施的倫理](#)」邀請有興趣者提交研究計劃書，何維倫副教授就此提交一份題為「比較分析印度和中國的數碼公共衛生介入措施」的計劃書，成功獲得世衛撥款支持該研究項目。該研究項目會由本中心主導，研究隊伍成員當中會有來自北京大學、印度公共衛生基金、新加坡國立大學及蘇黎世大學的研究人員。