

The University of Hong Kong  
Centre for the Humanities and Medicine

***Death: Philosophy, Therapy, Medicine***

Main Building, Room 150, HKU

23 April 2010

09:00 – 17:00

**Programme**

09:00 – 09:20

**Coffee**

09:20 – 09:30

**Opening Remarks**

09:30 – 11:00

**Session I: The Fear of Death and Dying: Medical and Philosophical Perspectives**

**Chair: Prof. LC Chan (Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, HKU)**

**Dr. Max Deutsch** (Department of Philosophy, HKU)

“Death and How What You Don't Know *Can* Hurt You”

**Prof. Wendy Rogers** (Department of Philosophy and Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University, NSW)

“Cold Enough to Cut? Challenges in the Diagnosis of Death for Organ Donation”

**Prof. Dora Kwong** (Department of Clinical Oncology, LKS Faculty of Medicine, HKU)

“Death - from a Medical, Legal Perspective”

11:00 – 11:15

**Coffee**

11:15 – 12:45

**Session II: Death, Dying, and Bereavement: Cross-Cultural Considerations**

**Chair: Dr. Amy Chow (Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU)**

**Dr. Chris Fraser** (Department of Philosophy, HKU)

“Two Approaches to Death and Bereavement in Classical Chinese Thought”

**Prof. Cecilia Chan** (Department of Social Work and Social Administration; Centre on Behavioral Health, HKU)

“The Deadly Energy - Overcoming Death Denial and Anxieties in Chinese Societies”

**Dr. Daniel Munday** (Health Sciences Research Institute, University of Warwick, UK)  
“Death, Culture and Change: a Medical Perspective from the UK”

12:45 – 14:00

**Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30

**Session III: Philosophical and Therapeutic Perspectives on Death**  
**Chair: Prof Gray Kochhar-Lindgren (University of Washington Bothell and HKU)**

**Dr. Barbara Dalle Pezze** (Department of Philosophy and Centre for the Humanities and Medicine, HKU)  
“Being-Toward-Death and the Authenticity of Human Being”

**Prof. LeeAnn Bartolini** (Department of Psychology, Dominican University of California)  
“The Clinician Meets Death: Psychological Perspectives on Being with the Dying”

**Dr. Philip Beh** (Department of Pathology, LKS Faculty of Medicine, HKU)  
“Hands Off – They’re Dead!!” Challenges to Post-Mortem Examination in Death Investigations

15:30 – 15:45

**Coffee**

15:45 – 17:00

**Concluding Discussion**  
**Chair: Dr. Timothy O’Leary (Department of Philosophy, HKU)**  
“Future Directions for Cross-Disciplinary and Cross-Cultural Research on Death and Dying”