



Two Day International Webinar

On

Islamic Perspective on Contemporary Biomedical Issues

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Concept Note

Morality and ethics form the central component of Islamic teachings. The whole Islamic philosophy revolves around this component in order to develop morally and ethically sound personalities and societies. Ethics was and will remain an important component of Islamic law. The source for the ethical and moral code of Islamic law is *Qur'an* and the exemplary life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the form of his *Sunnah*. Bio-ethics being an essential part of Islamic ethics deals with the very sensitive issues involved in the modern medical practices and prescriptions which regulate the healthcare. The term Bioethics as the branch of applied ethics may be defined as the study of ethical issues that arise due to advancement in the biomedical technology , genetic engineering and medicine. It includes the study of values relating to primary health care and other branches of medicine. It is essential for informing and guiding the scientific endeavours to ensure human survival and environmental sustainability. Bioethics entails the objective appraisal of how our values and actions affect others including animals and the environment. Modern world is being shaped by remarkable developments in biomedicine and biotechnology. This has raised deep moral questions and ethical challenges. Individuals, societies and professional communities are consistently addressing the moral questions and challenges that these developments raise. It is in this background that our Department aims to conduct a two day International Webinar entitled *Islamic Perspective on Contemporary Biomedical Issues*. This humble attempt will bring some select scholarly figures who will examine the contemporary biomedical issues like **contagious diseases, assisted reproductive technology, IVF, Euthanasia, birth control, organ transplant, transfusion of blood, cloning, genetic engineering, eugenics, HIV**, to name a few viz-a-viz other ethical issues on which Muslim scholars have provided religio-moral instructions by referring to basic and subsidiary sources of Islam i.e. *Quran* and the *Sunnah* , *Ijma* , *Ijtihad*, *Qiyas*, *Maslihah* supplemented with medico-juristic opinions of the competent scholars in this field. The Webinar will help in the promotion of ethical aspects (Islamic perspective) in the application of biotechnology and biomedicines. It will also aim to explore the gaps that need to be filled by further study in order to enhance our horizon of understanding the study of Islamic bioethics and contemporary biomedical issues on one hand and to add to the discourse on the other hand. The webinar will also be a significant event as it will access the latest scientific developments in biomedicine and biotechnology, anticipating the potential areas of conflicts by offering the Islamic approach to address these issues.

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