



Stars IN THE Garden

Special guest speaker Julian Savulescu

Professor Julian Savulescu has held the Uehiro Chair in Practical Ethics at the University of Oxford since 2002.

Professor Savulescu is a philosopher who researches the ethics of various new or emerging technologies, including new methods of reproduction and enhancement of physical and cognitive performance through drugs or genetic manipulation. He is or has been a co-director on many large research projects, looking at topics from geoengineering to vaccines.

His 'expertise' is listed as being in:

- Practical ethics
- Medical ethics (including personal and collective responsibility for major health problems such as obesity, smoking/ drinking and other lifestyle choices, vaccination and antibiotic resistance)
- Predictive genetic testing and diagnosis
- Genetic enhancement
- Research ethics
- Cloning
- Performance-enhancing drugs (cognitive and sports)
- Abortion and conscientious objection
- Stem cell research

He has degrees in medicine, neuroscience and bioethics. He directs the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics within the Faculty of Philosophy, and leads a Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator award on Responsibility and Health Care. He directs the Oxford Martin Programme for Collective Responsibility for Infectious Disease at the Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford. He co-directs the interdisciplinary Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities in collaboration with Public Health, Psychiatry and History.

In 2017, he joined the Murdoch Childrens' Research Institute, spending four months per year as Visiting Professorial Fellow in Biomedical Ethics where he is working to establish a programme in biomedical ethics, and Melbourne University as Distinguished International Visiting Professor in Law.

He is a leader in medical and practical ethics, with more than 400 publications. He recently completed his extended tenure as Editor of the Journal of Medical Ethics, the highest impact journal in the field, and is founding editor of Journal of Practical Ethics, an open access journal in Practical Ethics. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Bucharest in 2014.