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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Research ethics and governance
 - Global gender justice and reproductive ethics
 - Global and social justice in bioethics
 - Exploitation and vulnerability in bioethics
 - Ethics of synthetic biology
 - Ethics of biobanking
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RESEARCH BACKGROUND

- 10.2013-present **Research Associate, Liminal Space Project, Wellcome Trust, Edinburgh University Law School, Prof. Graeme Laurie**
- 01.2013-02.2014 **Post-Doctoral Researcher, Emmy Noether Research Group in Political Philosophy and Bioethics, University of Münster, Dr. Alena Buyx.**
- 09.2012 **Caroline Miles Visiting Scholar, Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, Prof. Michael Parker.**
- 09.2012-12.2012 **Associate Post-graduate Researcher, Centre for Gender Studies, SOAS, University of London, Dr. Ruba Salih.**
- 09.2010-01.2013 **Research Fellow, University Research Priority Programs (UFSP Ethik) Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich, Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno.**
- 05.2012-09.2012 **Visiting Researcher (vrijwillig medewerker), Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law, KU Leuven, Prof. Kris Dierickx**
- 01.2009-05.2010 **Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy and the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., on a grant from the Swiss National Foundation (SNF), Prof. Margaret Olivia Little.**
- 10.2005-12.2008 **Research Fellow, Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich, Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno.**
- 04.2005-06.2005 **Visiting Researcher, Institute for Ethics in Medicine, Charité Medical School Freie Universität, Berlin, Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno.**
- 10.2004-03.2005 **Junior Research Fellow, WHO Ethics and Health (SDE/ETH/WHO), Geneva, Prof. Alexander Morgan Capron.**
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 07/2014 *Health Care Ethics*, Erasmus Observatory On Health Law, Summer Course In in Health Law and Ethics, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- 11.2012 *Exploitation and Commodification*, Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich, Foundations of Biomedical Ethics, PhD students in Biomedical Ethics and Law.
- 11.2012 *Scientific Misconduct*, University of Zurich and ETH, Science Ethics Course for PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers in biomedical sciences.
- 11.2011 Guest Lecture, *Vulnerability in Bioethics*, Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Geneva, Certificate of Advance Studies for biomedical researchers.
- 02.2009 Guest Lecture, *Research Ethics*, Philosophy Department, Georgetown University, *Autonomy in Bioethics* Undergraduate Bioethics Course.
- 2006, 2008 Guest Lecture, *Topics in Bioethics*, Theory of Knowledge Course International School Geneva.
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EDUCATION

- 2012 **PhD in Biomedical Ethics and Law, University of Zurich**
Dissertation: *Exploitation and the Ethics of Globalized Clinical Trials*
Prof. Christoph Rehmann-Sutter, Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno and Dr. Jan-Christoph Heilinger.
- 2004 **MSc. Medical Ethics, Imperial College London, (Chevening Scholar)**
Dissertation: *A Virtue Ethics Approach to Genetic Enhancement*
Prof. Richard Ashcroft.
- 2003 **BSc. Honours, Biology, University College London**
Dissertation: *A Critical Analysis of the Arguments Surrounding a Possible Resurgence of Eugenics*
Prof. Janet Radcliffe Richards
- 1999 International Baccalaureate, International School Geneva (LGB).
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SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2012 **Swiss National Foundation, Short International Visit** (research grant) for School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), UK.
- 2012 **Caroline Miles Visiting Scholarship**, The Ethox Centre, University of Oxford, UK.
- 2008 **Swiss National Foundation, Prospective Researcher Grant** to Georgetown University, USA.
- 2008 Collaborative application, **SYBHEL** (EC-FP7) project
- 2006 Collaborative application, **Synbiosafe** (EC-FP6) project
- 2003 **British Council Chevening Scholar** for Masters in Medical Ethics, Imperial College London.
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COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- 2004-2008 *Ethical Issues in the Governance of Biobanks* (WHO and Geneva University), with Prof. Alex Mauron, Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno, Prof. Bernice Elger, Dr. Andrea Boggio and Prof. Alex Capron.
- 2008-2009 *Synbiosafe* (EC-FP6): collaboration with Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands and France, with Dr. Markus Schmidt (Austria) and Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno.
- 2012 *Meeting the Authors* (Zurich University), Workshop on Social Justice and Health, meeting Profs. Ruth Faden (Johns Hopkins) and Madison Powers (Georgetown), with Dr. Verina Wild and Prof. Nikola Biller-Andorno.
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LANGUAGES

English and French (bilingual), German and Hindi (conversational), Bengali (native)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal articles

- **Ganguli Mitra A** and Biller-Andorno N. Vulnerability and exploitation in a globalize world, *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics* 6 (1): 91-102,2013.
- **Ganguli Mitra A** (2012). Off-shoring Clinical Research: Exploitation and the Reciprocity Constraint, *Developing World Bioethics*, published online, July 2012.
- Capron A, Mauron A, Elger B, Boggio A, **Ganguli Mitra A**, Biller-Andorno N (2009) Ethical Norms and the International, Governance of Genetic Databases and Biobanks: Findings from an International Study, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, Vol 9 (2):101-124.
- **Ganguli Mitra A**, Schmidt M, Torgersen H, Deplazes A and Biller-Andorno N (2009). Of Newtons and Heretics, *Correspondence, Nat. Biotech.* 27 (4): 5-6.
- [Schmidt M](#), [Ganguli Mitra A](#), [Torgersen H](#), [Kelle A](#), [Deplazes A](#) and [Biller-Andorno N](#) (2009), [A priority paper for the societal and ethical aspects of synthetic biology](#) *Systems and Synthetic Biology: Special Issue*, Volume 3(1-4): 3-7.
- Schmidt M, Torgersen H, **Ganguli Mitra A**, Kelle A, Deplazes A, Biller-Andorno N (2008). *Synbiosafe e-conference:online community discussion on the societal aspects of synthetic biology*. *Systems and Synthetic Biology*, 2 (1-2): 7-17.

Other Journal Articles

- **Ganguli Mitra A** (2013). A Social Connection Model for International Clinical Research, *American Journal of Bioethics*, Vol 13 (3): W1-W2.

Edited Books and Book Chapters

- **Ganguli Mitra A** and Biller-Andorno N (2011). Vulnerability in Health Care and Research Ethics. In R. Chadwick et al. (eds). The SAGE handbook of health care ethics, UK: SAGE.
- Schmidt M, Kelle A, **Ganguli Mitra A**, de Vriend H (2009). Synthetic Biology: The Technoscience and its Societal Consequences, Springer.
- Deplazes A; **Ganguli Mitra A**; Biller-Andorno N (2009). The Ethics of Synthetic Biology: Outlining the Agenda. In: Schmidt M; Kelle A; Ganguli-Mitra A; de Vriend H Synthetic Biology: The Technoscience and its Societal Consequences, Springer.
- Biller-Andorno N; Boggio A; Elger B; **Ganguli Mitra A**; Capron AM; Mauron A (2008). *Ethical issues regarding research biobanks: aims, methods, and main results of a qualitative study among international and US experts*. In: Elger B; Biller-Andorno N; Mauron A; Capron AM. Ethical Issues in Governing Biobanks: Global Perspectives. Ashgate, Aldershot, UK, 39-56.
- **Ganguli Mitra, A** (2008). Collective Consent (pp.121-130) and Benefit-sharing and remuneration (pp. 217-229). In: Elger, B [et al.]. Ethical Issues in Governing Biobanks: Global Perspectives. Ashgate, Aldershot, UK, 121-130.
- Vayena, E; **Ganguli-Mitra, A**; Biller-Andorno, N (2008). *Guidelines on biobanks: emerging consensus and unresolved controversies*. In: Elger, B [et al.]. Ethical Issues in Governing Biobanks: Global Perspectives. Ashgate, Aldershot, UK, 23-35.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Vulnerability and Global Bioethics: exploring some implications for women. *Presentation for the SNF International Short Visits Scholarship at the Centre for Gender Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)*. London, UK, 4 December 2012 (oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Exploitation and the Ethics of Globalized Clinical Trials, *Bioethics Research: Contemporary Debates, University of Basel, Institute for Bio- and Medical Ethics*. Basel, Switzerland, 5 November 2012 (oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Globalized Clinical Trials: Exploitation and Global Justice, *Presentation for the Caroline Miles Visiting Scholarship, ETHOX Centre, Oxford University*. Oxford, UK, 25 September 2012.(oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Non-ideal Theory in Bioethics, *11th International Congress of Bioethics*. Rotterdam, Netherlands, 26-29 June 2012 (oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Contribution to Expert Panel on Vulnerability, *11th International Congress of Bioethics*. Rotterdam, Netherlands, 26-29 June 2012 (oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. Off-shoring clinical research and the charge of exploitation, ESPMH. Zurich, Switzerland, 17-20 August 2011 (oral presentation).
- **Ganguli Mitra A**. The promises and perils of self-regulation in synthetic

- Biology', *Advances in Synthetic Biology*. Cambridge, UK, 6-7 March 2008 (oral presentation).
- Deplazes A, **Ganguli Mitra A**, Biller-Andorno N. Regulation of Emerging Technologies - Nanotechnology and Synthetic Biology, *ESF Research Conference on Synthetic Biology (ECSB)*. Sant Feliu de Guixols. Spain, 24-29 November 2007 (poster).
 - Schmidt M, Kelle A, **Ganguli Mitra A**. Safety, Ethical and Security Issues in Synthetic Biology, *ESF Research Conference on Synthetic Biology (ECSB)*. Sant Feliu de Guixols, Spain, 24-29 November 2007 (poster).
 - **Ganguli Mitra A**. Benefit-sharing, Human Genetic Biobanks and Vulnerable Populations, *Conference on Justice, Fairness and Biobanking*. Marburg, Germany, 8-14 October 2007 (paper and oral presentation).
 - **Ganguli Mitra A**, Deplazes A and Biller-Andorno N. Exploring Ethical and Societal Aspects of Synthetic Biology, *EACME Conference*. Zurich, Switzerland, 13-15 September 2007.
 - **Ganguli Mitra A**. Vulnerability: A Normative Criterion in Research Ethics? *Société Suisse de l'Éthique Biomédicale*. Curzzütt, Switzerland, September 2007 (oral presentation).
 - **Ganguli A**. Who owns my genes? Ownership and property issues in human genetic research', *PropEur Conference*. Birmingham, UK, 21-22 September 2006 (oral presentation).
 - **Ganguli A**. Collective Consent. *8th International Congress of Bioethics*. Beijing, China, 4-9 August 2006 (oral presentation).
 - **Ganguli A**. Human Biobanks: Towards A Global Ethical Framework. *Conference on International Collaborative Research and Health Ethics*. Jakarta, Indonesia, November 2006 (oral presentation).
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