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CURRENT RESEARCH POSITION

**Institute of History and Ethics of Medicine,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Heidelberg (Germany):**

Aug. 2014 - present

Research associate (wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin)

Member of the Clinical Ethics Committee and the Ethics Advisory Board of the University
Hospital Heidelberg

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy

**University of Heidelberg (Germany) &
University of Luxembourg
(cotutelle agreement)**

April 2010

Thesis: Das Verhältnis von Lebenswelt und Wissenschaft (The relationship of everyday
experience and science)

Advisors: Prof. Dr. Peter McLaughlin (Heidelberg), Prof. Dr. Robert Theis (Luxembourg)

**Magistra Artium
Philosophy (1st subject)
Ethnology (2nd subject)**

University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Aug. 2005

Thesis: Das Bewusstsein der eigenen Existenz bei Kant (The consciousness of our own
existence in Kant)

Advisors: Prof. Dr. Peter König, Prof. Dr. Peter McLaughlin

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Academy for Health professions
Heidelberg (Germany):** **June 2019 – present**

Associate lecturer (Nursing ethics for nurse apprentices)

**Department of Social Sciences,
University of Applied Sciences
Saarbrücken (Germany):** **Oct. 2016 – present**

Associate lecturer (Nursing ethics)

**Faculty of Law,
University of Heidelberg (Germany):** **April 2016 – present**

Associate lecturer (Introduction to medical ethics for law students)

**Department of Social Sciences,
University of Applied Sciences
Saarbrücken (Germany):** **Oct. 2017 – March 2018**
Oct. 2015 – March 2016
Oct. 2014 – March 2015

Associate lecturer (Nursing ethics)

**Marsilius research project 'Gleichheit und
Ungleichheit bei der Lebererallokation'
(Equality and inequality within liver allocation)
University of Heidelberg (Germany):** **Aug. 2013 - July 2014**

Research associate (medical ethics)

**Department of Philosophy,
University of Heidelberg (Germany):** **Oct. 2011 – July 2013**

Research associate (philosophy of science)

**Department of Philosophy,
University of Heidelberg (Germany):** **Oct. 2009 – March 2013**

Associate lecturer (moral philosophy)

**Department of Philosophy,
University of Heidelberg (Germany):** **Oct. 2007 – Feb. 2008**

Student research assistant

RESEARCH FOCUS

- philosophy of science,
- bioethics, medical ethics, nursing ethics
- ethical aspects of organ transplantation (with a focus on organ allocation)
- ethical aspects of reproductive medicine and genome editing
- allocation ethics, distributive justice and health care
- ethical aspects of animal experimentation

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Aslan, Serap Ergin/Beck, Birgit/Deuring, Silvia/von Fallois, Moritz/Hähnel, Martin/Haltaufderheide, Joschka/Leidenfrost, Robert/**Primc, Nadia**/Rubeis, Giovanni/Rüther, Markus/Schnieder, Konstantin 2018. Genom-Editierung in der Humanmedizin: ethische und rechtliche Aspekte von Keimbahneingriffen beim Menschen. CfB-Drucksache, 4/2018, abrufbar unter: https://www.uni-muenster.de/imperia/md/content/bioethik/cfb_drucksache_4_2018_genom_editierung_13_06_final.pdf (*title: Genome editing in human medicine: ethical and legal aspects of germline intervention in humans*)

Primc, Nadia 2012. *Das Verhältnis von Lebenswelt und Wissenschaft*. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann. (*book title: The relationship of everyday experience and science*)

Papers in edited volumes:

Primc, Nadia 2019. Der programmierte Zelltod und dessen Auswirkungen auf die Konzeptualisierung des menschlichen Todes. In: Cherlonneix, Laurent (Hg.), *De l'imbrication vie-mort à la signification vitale de la connaissance, études franco-allemandes en philosophie et biologie*. Toulouse, UPPR Editions (forthcoming) (*paper title: Programmed cell death and its implications for the conceptualisation of human death*)

Primc, Nadia 2019. Wartezeit als Allokationskriterium. In Schmücker, Reinhold/Siep, Ludwig (ed.), *Die zeitliche Dimension der Gerechtigkeit*. Münster, Mentis (forthcoming) (*paper title: Waiting time as an allocation criterion*).

Primc, Nadia 2018. Genome editing: Human nature as the object of a technoscience. In: Braun, Matthias/Schickl, Hannah/Dabrock, Peter/ (Eds.), *Between moral hazard and legal uncertainty? Ethical, legal and societal challenges of gene editing*. Wiesbaden: Springer, S. 99 - 110.

Primc, Nadia 2018. Nichtinvasive Pränataltests und genetische Beratung zwischen dem Recht auf reproduktive Autonomie und der Pflicht zur Gesundheit. In Steger, Florian/Orzechowski, Marcin K./Schochow, Maximilian (ed.), *Pränatalmedizin. Ethische, juristische und gesellschaftliche Aspekte*, Freiburg i.B., Karl Alber, S.31-51. (*paper title: Non-invasive prenatal testing and genetic counselling between the right to reproductive autonomy and the duty to health*)

Primc, Nadia 2017. Die Medizin zwischen Lebenswelt und Wissenschaft. In Franz, Jürgen H. (Hg.), *Welt der Artefakte*. Berlin, Frank & Timme, S.137 – 147. (*paper title: Medicine between lifeworld and science*).

Primc, Nadia 2016. Emotionen und 'informed consent' am Beispiel der Lebendspende. In Hoffstadt et al. (ed.), *Nur Emotionen? Einblicke aus Medizin, Kunst und Geisteswissenschaft*. Bochum/Freiburg, pp. 67 – 80 (*paper title: Emotions and informed consent. The example of living donation*)

Primc, Nadia 2016. Die Verstrickungen der Organspende. In Groß et al. (ed.), *Leben jenseits des Todes? Transmortalität unter besonderer Berücksichtigung der Organspende*. Frankfurt am Main, pp. 81 – 105 (*paper title: The entanglements of organ donation*)

Primc, Nadia 2012. Glückseligkeit oder das gute Leben. In *Eine Promenade durch die Welt der Philosophie*. Anthologie Walfer Bicherdeeg 2012, Freude am Denken. Luxemburg: Editions Guy Binsfeld. (*paper title: Happiness, or the good life*)

Papers in Journals:

Primc, Nadia/Bobbert, Monika 2019. Effizienz-und Maximierungsforderungen in der Leberallokation (forthcoming) (*paper title: The demand for efficiency and maximization within liver allocation*)

Bobbert, Monika/**Primc, Nadia** 2019. Unterschiedliche Ansätze der Ethik in der Organallokation (forthcoming) (*paper title: The different ethical approaches within organ allocation*)

Primc, Nadia 2019. Germline manipulation and the human genome as common heritage of humanity. *Bioethics* 33 (??), pp. ?? - ?? (forthcoming)

Primc, Nadia 2019. Ethische Fragen der Nierenlebendspenden. Nieren- und Hochdruckkrankheiten, vol. 48 (4), pp. 1-6 (*paper title: Ethical issues in kidney living donation*)

Primc, Nadia 2017. Derechos de los familiares durante el proceso de la donación de órganos de cadáver (The rights of the relatives within the organ donation process). *Dilemata, International Journal of Applied Ethics*, vol. 9 (23), S. 89 – 106.

Primc, Nadia 2016. Organtransplantation bei Menschen mit geistiger Beeinträchtigung. Die Gefahren einer verdeckten Diskriminierung. *Amos International*, vol. 10 (3), pp. 33 – 37. (*paper title: Organ transplantation in patients with mental impairment. The risks of covert discrimination within transplantation medicine*)

Contributions in lexica and handbooks:

Primc, Nadia 2019. Erfahrung In: Bobbert, Monika/Sautermeister, Jochen (HG.), Handbuch Ethik und Psychologie. Heidelberg, Springer (forthcoming) (lemma: experience)

Bobbert, Monika/**Primc, Nadia** 2019. Insemination. In Oberreuter, Heinrich (ed.), Staatslexikon der Görresgesellschaft, Eid – Insemination, Bd. 3. Freiburg i.B.:Herder, (forthcoming) (lemma: Insemination).

Bobbert, Monika/Primc, Nadia 2018. Geburtenregelung. In Oberreuter, Heinrich (ed.), Staatslexikon der Görresgesellschaft, Eid – Insemination, Bd. 2. Freiburg i.B.:Herder, pp. 971 – 980. (lemma: birth control)

SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS/THIRD-PARTY FUNDS

PhD Scholarship:

Aides à la Formation-Recherche (PhD Scholarship),
Fonds National de Recherche, Luxembourg,
April 2007 – March 2011.
Amount: 54.000.- EUR

Printing costs subsidies:

Aides à la Formation-Recherche (PhD Scholarship),
Fonds National de Recherche, Luxembourg,
March 2012
Amount: 2000 EUR

Travel grant:

Deutscher Akademischer Ausstauschdienst (DAAD). Kongressreiseprogramm. (Congress Attendance Aid Grant of the German Academic Exchange Service)
Novembre 2018
Amount: 1045.- EUR

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

FORTHCOMING SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS:

"Dead, slightly dead, dead as a doornail? The concept of brain death and its philosophical implications"

"Genome editing and the human genome as common heritage of humanity. Do we have a right to an unmanipulated genome?"

Night of Philosophy. May 30, 2019. Tel Aviv, Israel.

„Notfallalgorithmen als Instrument kollektiven Handelns“

Kollektivität im Gesundheitswesen: Ethische Theorien und Praxisfelder von Gruppen als Akteuren. Jahrestagung 2019 der Akademie für Ethik in der Medizin. September 26-28, 2019. Göttingen, Germany.

PAST SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS:

“Should we split every suitable donor liver? Ethical arguments in favour of a mandatory splitting policy.”

5th ELPAT Congress: Developing Dialogue - Pioneering Practice. Dedicated to the ethical, legal, and psychosocial aspects of transplantation and donation. April 29, 2019, Krakow, Poland.

“The Allocation of Cadaveric Donor Organs: Should the Patients’ Right to Life Be Supplemented By a Duty to Health?”

“Bioethics, medical ethics and health law.” UNESCO Chair in Bioethics 13th World Conference. November 27-29., 2019, Jerusalem, Israel.

„Rationalisierung und Rationierung im Lichte des individuellen Rechts auf Hilfeleistung“

„Medikalisierung und Ökonomisierung – Chancen und Risiken für die individuelle Gesundheit bzw. die aktuelle Gesundheitsversorgung“, 19. Workshop des Arbeitskreises „Medizin und Theologie“, Tagung für NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen. January 26/27, 2018, Vienne, Austria.
(*title: Rationalising and rationing in the light of the individual right to assistance*).

“The need for rationing and the demand for equitable access to health care”

International Anniversary Conference “1997-2017. 20 years after Oviedo Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine What are the achieved gains and its potential?” December 8/9, 2017, Thessaloniki, Greece.

“Manipulation in human germ lines: A severe intervention into human nature?”

International conference “Genome editing: biomedical and ethical perspectives”, organized by The Center for the Study of Bioethics, The Division of Medical Ethics in NYU School of Medicine’s Department of Population Health & The Hastings Center, August 20/21, 2017, Belgrade, Serbia.

Human reproduction/nature as the object of technoscience”

European Conference on Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care “Emerging Technologies in Healthcare”, August 16. – 19., 2017, Belgrade, Serbia.

„Effizienz- und Maximierungsforderungen bei der Verteilung von knappen lebenserhaltenden Ressourcen - am Beispiel von ethischen Fragen der Gerechtigkeit bei der Verteilung von postmortalen Spenderlebern“, Fachvortrag im Rahmen der Vortragsreihe „Philosophie im G-BA“, July 7, 2017, Berlin, Germany.

(*title: The demand for efficiency and maximization within the allocation of scarce resource – the example of ethical aspects of justice within cadaveric liver allocation*)

“Ethische Aspekte der Gefäßchirurgie”, 199. Tagung der Vereinigung Norddeutscher Chirurgen „ReFormation - Chirurgie und Gesellschaft im Wandel“, June 16, 2017, Osnabrück, Germany.

(*title: Ethical aspects of vascular surgery*)

„NIPD & genetic counselling oscillating between the right and the duty to reproductive health.“

BMBF – Klausurwoche „Ethische, rechtliche und gesellschaftliche Aspekte invasiver und nichtinvasiver genetischer Pränataldiagnostik in Deutschland und Polen“, March 15, 2017, Ulm, Germany.

“Der Mensch als Gegenstand der Technowissenschaft, “Genom-Editierung in der Humanmedizin? Ethische und rechtliche Probleme der Anwendung am Menschen: Ein Ländervergleich zwischen Deutschland, Österreich und Schweiz“, 08. März 2017, Münster, Germany. (*title: Human being as the object of technoscience*).

“The perspective of the relatives”

„Dying, Death, Donating. International Conference on the Ethics of Organ Donation”, September 8,

2016, Granada, Spain

„Die Organallokation als zeitlicher Prozess“

Summer School 2016 „Die zeitliche Dimension der Gerechtigkeit“ der Kolleg - Forschergruppe „Theoretische Grundfragen der Normenbegründung in Medizinethik und Biopolitik“ Westfälische Wilhelms - Universität Münster, July 28 – August 9, 2016, Lauchbühl/Grindelwald, Switzerland. (title: *Organ allocation as a temporal process*).

„Der Begriff der Evidenz in der Evidence-based-Medicine“, Year Fix 2016 PEERS Germany der Dentsply IH GmbH, January 23, 2016, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. (title: *The concept of evidence in Evidence-based Medicine*).

„Commentaires concernant l'oeuvre 'Nouvelles représentations de la vie'“ (*Comments on the oeuvre 'Nouvelles représentations de la vie'*), La recherche scientifique entre structures nationales et responsabilité globale', DAAD Paris, Novembre 25, 2014, Paris, France. (*Commentary on the volume 'Nouvelles représentations de la vie'*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

(All courses were designed and taught by the candidate, most of them held in German)

Medical/Nursing ethics:

Introduction to medical ethics

audience: graduate students of medicine (clinical section), University of Heidelberg
topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy, passive/active/indirect euthanasia, assisted suicide, abortion, prenatal diagnosis, artificial fertilization

Ethical aspects of organ transplantation

audience: graduate students of medicine (clinical section), University of Heidelberg
topics: organ donation, organ allocation, brain death

Ethical and legal aspects of euthanasia in Germany

audience: graduate students of Medicine (clinical section), University of Heidelberg
topics: passive/active/indirect euthanasia, assisted suicide, palliative care

Reproductive health ethics

audience: participants of the short course 'Global Challenges in Reproductive Health', University of Heidelberg
topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy, the role of ethics and religion within reproductive health

Living with disability

audience: nurse apprentices, Academy for Health professions Heidelberg
topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy,

Ethical aspects of clinical decision making

audience: undergraduate students in interprofessional health care
topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy, nursing ethics, clinical ethics

Human death from an ethical perspective

audience: graduate students of Medicine (clinical section), interdisciplinary course for students from different fields of studies, University of Heidelberg

topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy, passive/active/indirect euthanasia, assisted suicide; organ donation, brain death

Ethical aspects of palliative care

audience: graduate students of Medicine (clinical section), University of Heidelberg

topics: ethical aspects of interdisciplinary teamwork within palliative care

Colloquium for PhD candidates in medical ethics

audience: PhD candidates in medical ethics, University of Heidelberg

topics: presentation and discussion of the PhD theses

Introduction to medical ethics for law students

audience: graduate students of the Faculty of Law, University of Heidelberg

topics: deontology, consequentialism, informed consent and the principle of autonomy, passive/active/indirect euthanasia, assisted suicide; abortion, prenatal diagnosis, artificial fertilization, organ donation, organ allocation, brain death, ethical aspects of medical research

Bioethics:

Ethical aspects of animal testing

audience: participants of the course 'Principles and Practices of animal testing', University of Heidelberg

topics: animal ethics, anthropocentrism, pathocentrism, animal rights, alternatives to animal testing

Ethics and human enhancement

audience: graduate students of the interdisciplinary seminar 'Human robotics – prosthetics and orthotics from a technical, medical, historical and ethical perspective, University of Heidelberg

topics: human enhancement, transhumanism

Good scientific practice:

Introduction to philosophy of science and scientific methods

audience: mandatory course for all PhD candidates of Faculty of Medicine, University of Heidelberg

topics:

Moral philosophy:

The different approaches within moral philosophy

audience: interdisciplinary course for graduate students from different fields of studies

topics: empiricism, rationalism, ethic of responsibility, ethic of conviction

Happiness, duty, or utility?

audience: interdisciplinary course for graduate students from different fields of studies

topics: Aristoteles, John S. Mill, Adam Smith, Immanuel Kant

Narrativity and ethics

audience: interdisciplinary course for graduate students from different fields of studies
topics: Paul Ricoeur, Arthur Danto, Martha C. Nussbaum, Alsdair MacIntyre, Wilhelm Schapp

The role of emotions within morality

audience: interdisciplinary course for graduate students from different fields of studies
topics: Adam Smith, Immanuel Kant, Friedrich W. Nietzsche, Martha C. Nussbaum

Philosophy of science:

Introduction to philosophy of science

audience: interdisciplinary course for students from natural sciences
topics: concepts of truth, knowledge, verification, validation, causality, explanation

Truth and knowledge within modern sciences

audience: interdisciplinary course for students from natural sciences
topics: scientific realism, falsificationism, instrumentalism, relativism

Philosophy:

Introduction to philosophy

audience: undergraduate students of philosophy, University of Heidelberg
topics: historical introduction to the different branches of philosophy (epistemology, moral philosophy, political philosophy, philosophy of science)