PhD Thesis topics in study programme Bioethic:

1. Rethinking the body: An anthropological exploration of Body Integrity Dysphoria

Supervisors: Assoc. Prof. Iva Šmídová, PhD, Assoc. Prof. Radim Bělohrad, PhD.

The objective of the research is to explore the relationship between self and body in the context of aetiology and treatment of Body Integrity Dysphoria and conceptions of personhood and selfhood.

1. Altruism in organ donation

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Radim Bělohrad, PhD.

The aim of the thesis is to answer the following questions: Are the incentives for organ donation in the form of tax relief, funeral allowances, preference for transplantation, etc. incompatible with altruism? Are altruistic motives for donation the only acceptable motives?

1. Personal identity and the advance directives

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Radim Bělohrad, PhD.

The aim of the thesis is to examine the issue of the so-called previously expressed wishes (Advance Directives) and the role that philosophical theories of personal identity play in the question of their respect. The exposure of the issue will require, among other things, an analysis of the problem of essentialism, the legitimacy of the so-called surviving interests and numerical and narrative identity.

1. End-of-life decisions

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Josef Kuře, Dr.phil.

The aim of the thesis is to explore the issue of decision-making at the end of life - who and according to what criteria decides on the application of health care in a such clinical situation. The candidate specifies the area of ​​research (some of the therapeutic modalities such as "futile treatment", dysthanasia, WD, WH, terminal weaning, terminal sedation. The focus and the corresponding methodology are specified in the proposal of his/her dissertation project (submitted together with the application).