

Save the Date ECBN Live Event

18 September, 14-18h, Bern

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Calling Early Career Bioethicists in Switzerland

The SGBE's Early-Career-Bioethicists Network (ECBN) is hosting a Live-Event on 18 September 2026, 14:00h – 18:00h.

 **Location:** Haus der Akademien,
Laupenstrasse 7, 3008 Bern



Title:
**Bioethics in Switzerland
Past, Present, and Future**

With Confirmed Guests:



Prof. Ralf Jox
Director of Institut des Humanités
en Médecine, CHUV, UniL,
Lausanne



Dr. Ana Rosca
Clinical Ethicist at
Stadtpital Zurich



Dr. theol. Ruth Baumann-Hölzle
Ethicist and founder of
Dialog Ethik



The event will be held as an interactive
panel discussion: ask your burning questions
and connect during a **convivial Apéro** afterwards



SGBE Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Biomedizinische Ethik
SSEB Société Suisse d'Éthique Biomédicale
Società Svizzera di Etica Biomedica



ECBN Annual Meeting 2026

Bioethics in Switzerland: Past, Present, and Future

September 18 2026, 14:00h to 18:00h, House of Academies, Bern

The Early Career Bioethicists Network (ECBN) Annual Meeting brings together early-career bioethicists from across Switzerland to reflect on the past, present, and future of bioethics in Switzerland.

The program features an interactive panel discussion and small-group sessions with expert bioethicists from diverse fields. Together, participants will explore topics, including career development, mentorship, professionalisation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the evolving role of bioethics in healthcare, academia, policy, and society.

The meeting aims to foster intergenerational exchange, strengthen professional networks, and discuss how the next generation of bioethicists can contribute to shaping the future of the field in Switzerland.

The ECBN is a national network dedicated to supporting early and mid-career bioethicists in Switzerland. It provides a platform for peer-to-peer exchange in a safe and supportive environment, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional development, while promoting the visibility of emerging scholars and practitioners in bioethics.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bern on 18 September 2026.

See you soon,

The ECBN core team members

Programme

- 13:45 Arrival and Welcome**
Registration, coffee, and informal exchanges, arrival
Welcome by the ECBN organising team
- 14:00 Interactive Panel Discussion**
Past, Present, and Future of Bioethics in Switzerland
Introduction by Martina Hodel, Moderation by Agnes Kandlbinder and Ana Gurau
Moderated panel discussion with:
- Dr. Ruth Baumann-Hölzle, Ethicist and founder of Dialog Ethik
 - Prof. Ralf Jox, Director, Institut des Humanités en Médecine, CHUV & University of Lausanne
 - Dr. Ana Rosca, Clinical Ethicist, Stadtspital Zürich
- The discussion (including a Q&A) will explore the development of bioethics in Switzerland across generations and professional contexts.
- 15:00 Transition and Group Allocation**
Introduction to the thematic working sessions.
Participants divide into small groups
- 15.15 Small-Group Working Sessions**
- A) **Ethics, Leadership, and Mentorship**
Dr. Ruth Baumann-Hölzle
Meeting room «Monch»
- B) **Professionalisation, Certification, and the Future of Ethics Careers**
Prof. Ralf Jox
Meeting room «Cantina»
- C) **Building Sustainable Careers and Support Structures in Clinical Ethics**
Dr. Ana Rosca
Meeting room «Jungfrau»
- 16:15 Break and Transition to Final Plenary Session**
Meeting room «Cantina»
- 16:30 Final Plenary Session and Closing**
Take-home messages and future perspectives
Presentation of Mentoring Program from ECBN and SGBE by Agnes Kandlbinder
- 17:00 Apéro and Networking**
Manya Hendriks and Annina Seiler

Invited speakers

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- Prof. Ralf Jox, Director, Institut des Humanités en Médecine, CHUV & University of Lausanne
- Dr. Ana Rosca, Clinical Ethicist, Stadtspital Zürich

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Further information

Organisers:

- Early Career Bioethicists Network (ECBN)
- Swiss Society of Biomedical Ethics (SGBE)
- Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS)

Location: House of Academies, Laupenstrasse 7, 3001 Bern

Language: English

How to get there: The House of Academies is a 5-minute walk from the «Welle 7» exit of Bern's main train station.

Registration: Participation is free, but registration is required by filling out [the registration form](#). Please note that attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 participants.

Registration deadline: 31st of August 2026