

Vulnerability and Healthcare: A SACRU Working Group 1 Project

Live Panel Discussion on Vulnerability and Healthcare: A Strategic Alliance of Catholic Universities Research Project

You are invited to a special event on the topic of Vulnerability and Healthcare to coincide with the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers. The event will present the results of a collaborative project supported by the Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU).

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Date: Monday, 7 April 2025

Time: 5pm to 7pm CEST

The interdisciplinary project involved doctoral candidates from seven of the Catholic universities in the SACRU Alliance, together with supporting faculty. Over a series of virtual meetings, the doctoral candidates explored the theme Vulnerability and Healthcare from the perspective of their respective research projects, which cover the topics of vaccine trials in developing countries, physician assisted suicide, theologies of prenatal genetic testing, inter-religious dialogue on healthcare in conflict zones, boundaries in environmental ethics, the history of monastic medicine, Aristotelian and Thomistic virtues, and social and ecological justice in residential aged care. They will come together at Australian Catholic University's Rome Campus (Largo Giovanni Berchet 4, 00152) to finalize and present their results as a panel discussion.

Proceedings will be in English as follows:

- **Welcome and Introduction to the project**

Associate Professor David G. Kirchhoffer, Director of the Queensland Bioethics Centre at Australian Catholic University, Chair of SACRU Working Group 1.

- **On the importance of research into the ethical significance of vulnerability for Catholic health and aged care agencies**

Virginia Bourke, Pro-Chancellor of the Senate of Australian Catholic University, Chair of the Board of Mercy Health Australia, Director of Catholic Health Australia, and Director of Caritas Australia

- **Panel discussion on Vulnerability and Healthcare with doctoral candidates**
- **Q&A with audience**
- **Reflections on Vulnerability and Healthcare: a response to the panel**

Reverend Professor James Keenan, SJ, Vice Provost for Global Engagement at Boston College.