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**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**Location: Zoom** (*RSVP for link*)

**4:30pm- 6:00pm EST**

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## **Medical Ethics and Moral Blind Spots in Nazi Germany**

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This discussion will provide an overview of the role that physicians and scientists played in Nazi-era Germany. We will examine how medical practice and scientific inquiry were distorted to justify inhumane actions and the critical involvement of physicians in these atrocities. By examining several key examples, we will highlight the importance of maintaining vigilance against moral blind spots and how even well-intentioned professionals can become complicit in unethical practices.

This talk will also highlight the organization FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics), which brings together early professionals in medicine and several other fields to study ethical responsibility by analyzing the decisions and actions of Nazi-era professionals. Students interested in learning about FASPE's annual fully funded fellowship program to Germany and Poland are encouraged to attend.



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