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**ITINERARE  
Innovative Therapies in Rare Diseases  
University Research Program of the University of Zurich**

**Caring for the orphans: Ethical issues in the context of rare diseases**

June 15-16, 2023  
University of Zurich (Switzerland)

Thursday, 15 June

12:00 Arrival & Lunch Bag

12:30 Welcome & Introduction

12:45 **Havi Carel** (University of Bristol)  
Rare diseases, epistemic injustice and the good life

13:45 **Heiner Fangerau** (University of Duesseldorf)  
Diagnoses and historical concepts of disease – is the end of a diagnostic odyssey a useful fiction?

14:45 *Coffee Break*

**Parallel sessions**

15:15	<b>Sebastian Wäscher</b> (University of Zurich) The burden of rare diseases. Patient narratives on managing their disease	<b>Kathryn Tabb</b> (Bard College) Individualized genetic therapies as a treatment- research hybris	<b>Susanne Wehrli</b> (University of Zurich) Access to healthcare among Swiss adults with rare diseases – the influence of facilitating and inhibiting individual factors
16:00	<b>Lainie Friedman Ross</b> (University of Rochester) Thinking zebras not horses when the herd runs past: Atypical Diabetes Mellitus	<b>Urte Laukaityte</b> (UC Berkeley) Rare diseases in the context of effective altruism	<b>Jacopo Morelli</b> (University of Modena-Reggio) Kantian constructivism applied to rare diseases

16:45 *Coffee Break*

17:00 **Rachel Grob** (University of Wisconsin)  
Diagnostic information and uncertainty in the newborn period: qualitative dimensions of families' experiences with novel technologies

18:00 **Bernice Elger** (University of Basel)  
Genetic testing of children: Child welfare versus parental autonomy

19:00 *End*

19:30 *Dinner*

#### Friday, 16 June

9:00 **Dana Mahr** (University of Geneva)  
Citizen science and biomedical research: the experiential knowledge of a lived genome

10:00 **Marcello Ienca** (Technical University of Munich and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne EPFL)  
Patient-engagement in rare disease research. The case study of rare neurological diseases

11:00 *Break*

#### **Parallel sessions**

11:30	<b>Lucie Perillat</b> (University of Toronto) Rare diseases: a universal priority	<b>Francesca Greco</b> (Insubria University) Understanding orphan drugs: roles and perspectives regarding orphan drugs for rare diseases
12:15	<b>Nina Streeck</b> (University of Zurich) The vulnerable orphans: Does vulnerability constitute a right to solidarity?	<b>Rebeca Méndez-Veras</b> (Universidad Mariano Gálvez de Guatemala) Ethical issues regarding clinical exome and targeted gene sequencing. A Guatemalan experience

13:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 **Deborah Mascalzoni** (Uppsala University)  
Respecting the rights of children with rare disease in research within their lifespan: challenges and perspectives

15:00 **Eva Winkler** (University of Heidelberg)  
Data use for research in rare disease. Ethical considerations on the governance of data initiatives

16:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00 **Niklas Juth** (Uppsala University and Karolinska Institutet)  
Prioritization of orphan drugs: considerations of ethics and justice

18:00 *End*