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An International Lecture Series hosted by

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Working in Forensic Medicine: Walking in a Woman's Shoes'

Lecture by Dr.Vina Vaswani



In this talk, Dr.Vina Vaswani will describe her choice of career and the challenges of taking up a profession that is largely seen as 'for men'. She will analyse her professional trajectories, her allies in the journey and the institutional structures that facilitate women in their extraordinary career pathways.

Date: 30 March 2023

Time: 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

Venue: Online

Link: <https://youtube.com/live/teuWuxMurXM>



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Program Schedule

Introduction to the Lecture series and speaker

Dr.Easwer HV, Head, Dept of Neuro-surgery, SCTIMST

5:00 PM – 5:05 PM

Lecture by Dr.Vina Vaswani

5:05 PM – 5:40 PM

Comments and QA session moderated by

Dr.Roy Joseph, Dean, SCTIMST

5:40 PM – 5:55 PM

Vote of thanks

Dr. Mala Ramanathan, AMCHSS, SCTIMST

5:55 PM – 6:00 PM

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Short Biography

Prof. Dr. Vina Vaswani is a qualified bioethicist with a background in Forensic Medicine & Toxicology. She has completed her Masters (MA) in Bioethics in 2008, as an Erasmus Mundus scholar from three European Universities (Belgium, Netherlands and Italy). She also has postgraduate diplomas in Medical Law & Ethics and Human Rights Law, both from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. She has completed her PhD in Ethics of Forensic Medicine in Disasters from Dublin City University, Ireland in the year 2020.

She is presently the Director, Centre for Ethics and Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology at Yenepoya University, Mangalore, India. Perceiving an increasing gap in ethics teaching and practice in health care and a decline in the public perception of the doctor-patient relationship, she proposed establishment of a dedicated Centre for Ethics in the University. She has started several first in India ethics-specific academic programs including Postgraduate Diploma in Bioethics & Medical Ethics (PGDBEME) since 2011, Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Ethics (PGDCE) since 2012. She is the Principal Investigator for Yenepoya University Fogarty International Research Ethics Masters Program for India (NIH Grant No. 1R25TW010305) since 2017. This is the first Masters program in Research Ethics for the whole of India. In 2018 she got the Global Forum on Bioethics in research Travel Grant to do a white paper on Ethical Issues in Controlled Human Infection Model studies for India.

Besides her accomplishments in the Academic arena, she currently serves as Ethics Advisory Board member for National and International projects. She has been appointed as Member, "Board of Directors of International academy of Bioethics" by International Association of Bioethics 2022. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by the Karnataka Medico Legal Society in its 30th Conference in JSS Medical College Mysore on 25 November 2022. During COVID times she has published a paper entitled **Informed consent for controlled human infection studies in low-and middle-income countries: ethical challenges and proposed solutions. Bioethics. 2020 Oct;34(8):809-18**