

## International Lectures

The Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research invites three renowned scholars for its second series of „ZIG International Lectures“. The series is intended to discuss research on health, illness and death from the perspective of philosophy, communication science and sport science. It seeks to stimulate cross-disciplinary dialogue and, in addition, build bridges between non-medical scholarship, and the natural sciences. We invite academics, students and the public to engage in current and socially relevant issues in health research, and discuss cutting edge research with international scholars. Admission is free for all lectures.

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## The Center

The Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research was founded in April 2014 as a research facility of the University of Augsburg. It creates a network between researchers in economics, law, social sciences and humanities as well as other disciplines, and facilitates and stimulates interdisciplinary research. Its goal is to monitor and analyze current developments in the health care system and explore the meaning of medical and health practices. A board of advisors composed of highly appraised members supports the Center with their broad expertise on health issues in politics, society, the public and the media.

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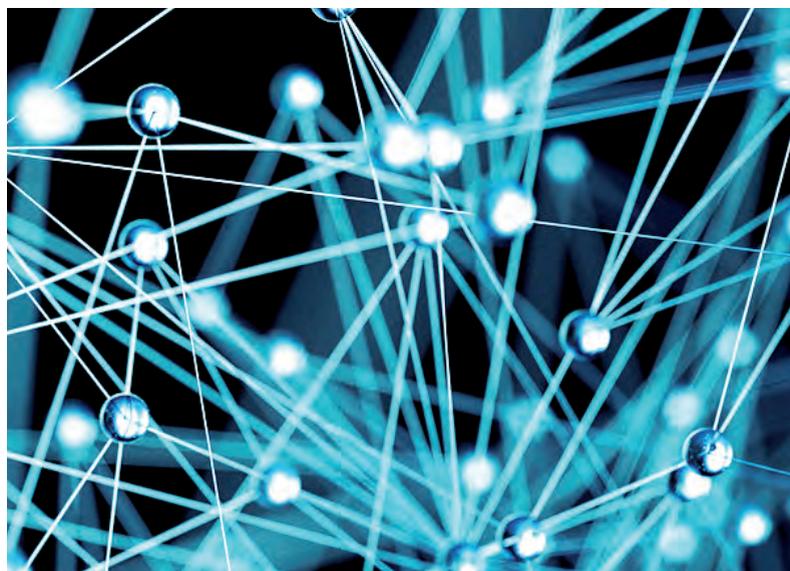
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**Prof. Dr. Jean-Pierre Wils**  
Radboud University Nijmegen  
The Netherlands  
Invited by:  
Prof. Dr. Klaus Arntz, Philosophy

## Lecture 1

## Assisted Suicide – and no End in Sight. On the current Situation in the Netherlands.

The Netherlands were the first country in the world to legalize assisted suicide in 2001. In this context, the Augsburg Allgemeine is claiming in an article published on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 that the numbers of people taking advantage of this development are soaring. Thus, the discussion about 'business-like assisted suicide' does continue in Germany, too. In the context of current events as well as in the context of the phenomenon of an increasing ethicization of death and dying, Jean-Pierre Wils' lecture will focus on thoughts about a new kind of thanatology.

The lecture will be given in German.

**April 19, 2018, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.**  
**Central Hospital Augsburg, big lecture hall (Großer Hörsaal)**  
**(Stenglinstraße 2, 86156 Augsburg)**



**Prof. Dr. Enny Das**  
Radboud University Nijmegen  
The Netherlands  
Invited by:  
Prof. Dr. Helena Bilandzic, Communication Science

## Lecture 2

## Communication as Placebo: Towards a Theory of Adverse Information Effects in the Medical Domain

Can language decrease medical problems? When biological origins fail to account for illness symptoms, research has mostly looked at patients' psychology. The present research, in contrast, proposes that subtle linguistic differences expressed by medical professionals can trigger adverse information effects. Relevant findings are presented among patients with medically unexplained symptoms (MUS), Multiple Sclerosis, and cancer.

**June 25, 2018, 5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.**  
**University of Augsburg, Building D, Room 2103**  
**(Universitätsstraße 10, 86159 Augsburg)**



**Prof. Dr. Attilio Carraro**  
University Padua  
Italy  
Invited by:  
Prof. Dr. Hans Peter Brandl-Bredenbeck, Sport Science

## Lecture 3

## No Health without Mental Health: no Mental Health without Physical Activity

The burden of mental disorder is heavy and increasing in our societies. It is likely that the topic has been underestimated so far due to the inadequate evaluation of the connectedness between mental illness and other health conditions. Physical exercise can represent a cost-effective strategy to prevent and co-treat mental illness and their complications. Evidence of the literature and results of clinical practice will be presented.

**July 4, 2018, 6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.**  
**University of Augsburg, Building D, Room 2105**  
**(Universitätsstraße 10, 86159 Augsburg)**

