

About Zebis

As a center for ethical education in the armed forces we promote ethical competence among soldiers and are partner to the German armed forces (Bundeswehr) for ethical education in topical issues.

We create dialogue between society and the military world with our nationwide events and our international e-journal "Ethics and Armed Forces". For military chaplains and officers in the Bundeswehr, we devise training formats in the fields of peace and military ethics.

In the scientific field, we cooperate with national and international partners, as well as with civilian and military research facilities. We promote dialogue and stand for an intensive exchange between armed forces, society, church, policymakers and the public.

Venue

Katholische Akademie in Bayern
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SAVING THE ENEMY?

Medical Ethics in Conflict

Symposium
Katholische Akademie
Munich

October 6, 2014
10:30 a.m.



Doctor or soldier? Two roles – one dilemma

Medical personnel in the Bundeswehr face the challenge of unifying two roles difficult to reconcile: doctor and soldier. In the field, this often leads to moral conflicts. In the face of limited funds and resources, who will be treated first – the comrade, the civilian or the enemy? Lightning-fast decisions are required between life and death. Is it at all possible to reconcile military necessity with medical ethics? Which military, IHL or ethical principles can medical personnel rely on in deliberation and emergency?

What is your opinion?

Working groups will discuss and elaborate codes of conduct and questions of ethics and international law in cooperation with national and international experts and the Medical Service of the Bundeswehr – based on concrete mission scenarios.

Keynote speakers:



Prof. Dr. Michael L. Gross

Political Scientist (University of Haifa). Numerous publications on medical ethics, military ethics and military medical ethics. He taught ethics of war, medicine, and national security at the Netherlands Ministry of Defense, for the US Army, the ICMM and the National Security College of the Israeli military.



Prof. Dr. Peter Olsthoorn

Junior Professor for Civilian-Military Cooperation at the Netherlands Defense Academy. Research on leadership and ethics, armed forces and media. Numerous publications on military medical ethics, monograph: Military Ethics and Virtues: An Interdisciplinary Approach for the 21st Century (Routledge 2010).

HEADS OF WORKING GROUP (1):

Reserve Oberstabsarzt Dr. med. Dirk Fischer

Medical doctor, philosopher and theologian. Doctor of medical history, doctor of moral theology (final phase), medical ethics consultant in the medical service of the Bundeswehr, national and international speaker.

Physician of the fleet Dr. Volker Hartmann

Medical doctor, doctor of medical history. Numerous papers and specialist books, primarily on the history of the medical service. Head of the department Health Care in the Medical Service Academy. Numerous foreign deployments.

Lieutenant Colonel Pascal May

Teacher for military ethics in the department Health Care in the Medical Service Academy. Responsible for formulating and implementing an appropriate curriculum in the classroom.

HEADS OF WORKING GROUP (2):

Dr. phil. Daniel Messelken

Research assistant for military medical ethics at the Center for Ethics, University of Zurich. Research Director of the Zurich Center for Military Medical Ethics. Head Ethics Teacher at the ICMM Center of Reference for Education of IHL and Ethics.

Lieutenant Colonel Cord-Dietrich von Einem

Lawyer and entrepreneur. Reservist with the Office of the Armed Forces, Bonn and head of the project group "Development of the liaison offices of the Bundeswehr". Senior teacher for IHL law at the ICMM Center of Reference for Education of IHL and Ethics. Numerous foreign deployments.

Moderator:

Prof. Dr. iur. Dr. med. Alexander P. F. Ehlers

Specialist attorney for medical law and medical specialist for general medicine, reserve physician of the fleet and member of the military medical advisory board.

Simultaneous translation German-English in the plenary

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Training for members of the medical service, military doctors and military chaplains.

Program October 6, 2014

10.30 a.m. Welcome coffee

11.00 a.m. Welcome address

Dr. Veronika Bock, director of zebis
Militärdekan Artur Wagner, Head of the
Military Deanery Munich.
GenOStArzt Dr. Ingo Patschke, Surgeon General
of the Bundeswehr Medical Service.

11.20 a.m. Prof. Dr. Michael L. Gross, „Military Medical Ethics for the 21st Century“

Moderator: Dr. Daniel Messelken, Center for
Ethics at the University of Zurich.

12.30 p.m. Lunch

13.30 p.m. Introduction of the working groups / speakers

13.45 p.m. 1st round small groups

(1) Reserve OStArzt Dr. Dirk Fischer,
FIArzt Dr. Volker Hartmann, Oberstlt Pascal May
„Military Medical Ethics in German Medical Service:

A Case Study from Operation ATALANTA“

(2) Dr. Daniel Messelken, Lieutenant Colonel Cord
von Einem

**„Doctors as soldiers? A case study on the dual
role of the medical service “**

14.45 p.m. 2nd round small groups

15.45 p.m. Coffee, pastries

**16.00 p.m. Plenary session, group leaders
present work results**

Moderator: Dr. Veronika Bock

16.30 p.m. Closing discussion

Prof. Dr. Peter Olsthoorn
Prof. Dr. iur. Dr. med. Alexander P. F. Ehlers
Perspective of virtue ethics on the issue

16.55 p.m. Closing remarks: Dr. Veronika Bock

17.00 p.m. End of the event