

Migrant Communities and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Ethical considerations **6th June 2022, 1.00-2.00PM (London time)**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, migrants have often been denied rights and placed in situations which put them at heightened risk of disease. This webinar looks at migrant communities' explicit and implicit vulnerabilities in relation to COVID-19 and will also consider the ethics of implementing selective and restrictive public health measures for such communities. Questions to consider include:

Chair:

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Panel:

- [Dr Thalia Arawi](#), Dr Thalia Arawi, Founding Director, Salim El Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Programme (WHO Collaborating Center for Ethics), American University of Beirut, Beirut 1107 2020, Lebanon
- [Dr Jane Lim](#), NUS Centre for Biomedical Ethics, National University of Singapore, Singapore
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The following questions will form the basis of the seminar's panel discussion. Seminar attendees are invited to submit questions in advance of the seminar when they register or during the live discussion.

1. How can we safeguard the rights of migrant communities during public health emergencies?
2. What measures may be justifiable to maintain both population health and individual health and human rights, in settings of extreme vulnerability, such as refugee camps?
3. Can public health emergencies justify the selective use of public health restrictions which disproportionately affect vulnerable communities such as migrants and refugees?