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The ethics of mHealth as a global phenomenon

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Mobile health (mHealth) technologies are increasingly being utilized worldwide. These involve a wide range of apps, wearables, implants and other digital devices that purport to improve health. While these technologies have considerable potential to improve health, the developments in mobile health technology affect individuals and societies in ways that raise important ethical concerns. At this workshop, we will be taking a closer look at the ethical and social implications of mHealth technologies as a global phenomenon, investigating the issues that arise from global, globalized and transnational perspectives.

Workshop programme (CET):

Day 1:
Wed Oct 27

10:00-10:20 Verina Wild: Welcome and introductions

10:20-11:00 Representative from the WHO: Global challenges in mHealth

11:00-11:10 break

11:10-11:50 - Angella Musiimenta: mHealth in LMIC settings

11:50-12:30 - Agomoni Ganguli-Mitra & Carina Fourie: Technology and global health partnerships: challenges of and for intersectionality

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-14:10 - Tereza Hendl & Ayush Shukla: Can digital health technologies democratize health?

14:10-14:50 – Jessica Haberer: mHealth in LMIC settings

14:50-15:00 break

15:00-15:40 Sridhar Venkatapuram - Prioritarian ethics for mHealth and health technological innovations in LMICs

15:40-16:00 Daily Wrap-up

Day 2:
Thu Oct 28

10:00-10:40 Tsvetelina Hristova: Data infrastructures, digital labour and the outsourcing of medical diagnostics

10:40-11:20 Tamar Sharon: Private infrastructure, public healthcare: mHealth, datafication and the Googlization of health

11:20-11:30 break

11:30-12:10 Niels Nijsingh: Beyond bioethics: the challenges of global digital health ethics

12:10-13:10 Lunch Break

13:10-13:50 Tiara Roxanne: The demands of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and the implications for digital health platforms

13:50-14:30 Bianca Jansky: Patient activism in mHealth: by whom and for whom?

14:30-14:40 break

14:40-15:20 *To be confirmed*

15:20-15:40 Verina Wild: closing summary