The Polio Vaccination Campaign of Summer 2013 in Israel – Critical Assessments

July 13, 2015
The Sonia Kossoy Conference Room (room 307), The Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University

9:30-10:00 | Opening and Greetings
Greetings: Prof. Shai Lavi, The Buchmann Faculty of Law and Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University
On the OPV campaign as a test case for vaccination policy in Israel
Prof. Nadav Davidovitch and Prof. Jonathan Gershoni Organizers of the Vaccination Policy in Israel Research Group at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

10:00-11:45 | Epidemiological and Social Economic Perspectives
Chair: Prof. Jonathan Gershoni, The George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University
Causality assessment of serious neurologic adverse events following bOPV national vaccination campaign in Israel
Prof. Eli Somekh, The Israeli Ministry of Health
Commentator: Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Department of Health Systems Management, Ben Gurion University
What it means to be inoculated? The case of polio inoculation program in Israel
Dr. Aviad Tur Sinai, Ben Gurion University
Commentator: Prof. Orna Baron Epel, School of Public Health, University of Haifa

11:45-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-14:30 | Legal Perspectives
Chair: Prof. Orly Lobel, School of Law, University of San Diego
Is it legally and morally justified to impose vaccination according to Israeli law?
Adv. Shelly Kamin Friedman, Ben Gurion University
Commentator: Prof. Yechiel M. Barilan, The Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University
The right for autonomy, the duty of disclosure and public health considerations – The 2013 polio crisis in Israel as a case study
Dr. Nili Karako Eyal, Haim Stricks School of Law, College of Management
Commentator: Prof. Michal Alberstein, The Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 | Philosophical and Ethical Dimensions
Chair: Prof. Shai Lavi, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University

Moral Custodians
Dr Yuval Eylon, Department of History, Philosophy and Judaic Studies, The Open University
Commentator: Dr. Shlomo Cohen, Department of Philosophy, Ben Gurion University
On altruism, solidarity and vaccination policy: the case of the OPV campaign in Israel 2013
Dr. Anat Rosenthal, Department of Health Systems Management, Ben Gurion University
Commentator: Prof. Michael Yudell, School of Public Health, Drexel University

16:30-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-17:30 | The Social Media
Chair: Dr. Hagai Boas, The Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Tel Aviv University
Knowledge deficit or public engagement? Conceptualizing polio vaccination debates on Facebook
Daniela Orr and Prof. Ayelet Baram Tsabar, The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology
Commentator: Dr. Keren Landsman, Carmel Medical Center, Haifa