

From the Editors

This issue is the first of two special issues on the topics of vulnerability and integrity. In August of 2022, Societas Ethica held its 58th annual conference. The theme of the conference was these concepts of vulnerability and integrity. As is the tradition of De Ethica, we decided to devote a special issue to the conference's theme. However, this was a particularly successful conference, giving rise to an unusual number of excellent articles. So, breaking with tradition, we will publish two issues devoted to papers coming out of the 2022 Conference.

Part of the explanation for the conference's success was indubitably due to the organizing committee's hard work. De Ethica is happy to have Prof. Dr. Michael Coors and Dr. Lea Chilian from that committee on board as guest editors. Professor Coors is Head of the Institute of Social Ethics at the University of Zürich and works, among many other things, on the topic of vulnerability in medical ethics, which, of course, is very relevant for issues like end-of-life care, reproductive medicine, and, in general, bodily integrity. Dr. Chilian is Deputy Head of the same Institute of Social Ethics. She works in medical ethics with a particular emphasis on the topic of spiritual care. In the following pages, they will introduce the topic of vulnerability and this issue's articles.

The second special issue on this theme will be published in the spring of 2024. Going forward, De Ethica will also publish further special issues. As we speak, work is progressing on both an issue of moral equality and an issue devoted to the topic of reconciliation, which was discussed at Societas Ethica's conference in Sarajevo this summer. However, De Ethica is not only focused on special issues. This spring will also see the publication of our next standard issue with papers on diverse questions, including the concept of age, the importance of human rights, and the ideal of equality. This journal is in an expanding phase, and if the reader finds that s/he has a good idea for a thematic number, feel free to contact the journal editors. And, of course, do submit articles. But now, and without further ado, let us turn to the many-faceted problems of vulnerability and integrity in ethical, theological, and philosophical theory.

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