

**Minerva Center for Interdisciplinary
Studies of the End of Life
announces the launching of its
2014 Summer Seminar**

**and invites applications from advanced graduates,
post graduates, and early career scholars**

**2014 Minerva Summer Seminar
June 22-25, 2014**

End of Life

Between the Expected and the Unexpected

The Seminar will be held in a country hotel on the Judean Hills (near Jerusalem) and will be led by an international group of experts in the fields of medicine, psychology, anthropology, philosophy, law, and public health.

The primary aim of the Minerva Summer Seminar is to expose international and local outstanding graduates, post graduates, and young scholars to current research, findings and debates on the quality of the end of life, and to promote the development of papers and projects related to these issues. The convening of international, interdisciplinary groups of leading experts in the field and of emerging scholars also aims to encourage new collaborations and promote new research themes as well as to set new agendas for innovative future research on end of life.

The theme of the 2014 Minerva Summer Seminar is *End of Life: Between the Expected and the Unexpected*. The seminar will examine the continuum of control over dying and the dying process. It will aim to elucidate current theoretical, methodological, and practical concerns through cross-disciplinary discussions.

Aligned with the spirit that guided the founding of Minerva Center for Interdisciplinary Studies of the End of Life, the format of the Summer Seminar is designed to enable reflection on common values, enhance sensitivity to cultural issues and include multiple religious and ethical perspectives to the Summer Seminar's theme.

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Sample of possible foci of related interests: • **Public ethics** • **Applied ethics** • **Ethics of end of life decisions** • **Philosophy of autonomy and responsibility** • **Bioethics and the law** • **Cultural history of death and dying** • **The meaning of the body after death** • **Death in global society** • **Cross-cultural meanings of death and dying** • **Postmodern versions of life after death** • **Suicide** • **End of life decision making** • **Systems of health care delivery at end of life** • **Delineation of end of life** • **End of life stage** • **Quality of life at the end of life**

The Faculty

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Practical Philosophy

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Anthropology, Aging, Suicide.

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Ethics and Practical Philosophy

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Funding

The 2014 Minerva Summer Seminar will host 20 participants. Successful applicants will be fully funded for lodging, meals, participation in seminars, workshops, local transportation and a half-day tour of Jerusalem.

Airfare to and from Israel is not included. A small number of partial stipends for airfare based on need and quality of project are available on a case by case basis.

The Place

The 2014 Minerva Summer Seminar will take place in Hotel Tzuba (near Jerusalem). It offers a uniquely friendly atmosphere that stimulates both scholarly and personal interaction between participants and faculty in formal and informal gatherings.

<http://www.belmont.co.il/en/>

Application process:

In order to apply, please send the following by **February 21, 2014** to:
minervaeol@post.tau.ac.il

- a) Application form – download from the website: www.MinervaEOL.tau.ac.il
- b) A one page statement of purpose and research involvement in the topic
- c) A two page CV
- d) Those interested in seeking partial airfare funding need to send an additional letter explaining their situation, and a letter of recommendation.

Applications will be evaluated according to their relevance to this year's theme and academic quality. German scholars are especially encouraged to apply. Notifications of acceptance will be sent **by March 21, 2014**.

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