

Politics & Bioethics

Ruth R. Faden, MPH, PhD

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4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

The Faculty Club

College of Physicians & Surgeons

630 West 168th Street

New York, NY 10032

On April 21, the Columbia University Center for Bioethics celebrated its Second Anniversary, featuring a presentation by Ruth R. Faden, MPH, PhD, Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Executive Director of the Phoebe R. Berman Bioethics Institute at Johns Hopkins University. The mission of the Columbia University Center for Bioethics is to provide an inter-disciplinary, inter-professional forum to advance scholarly work as well as public understanding of contemporary issues in biomedical ethics. Dr. Faden's fresh and intriguing talk, entitled "Politics and Bioethics," encouraged this mission very well.

Dr. Faden offered a provocative thesis about the potential polarization of Bioethics into conservative and liberal ethics. The lecture was provocative and invited many colleagues to remark how they appreciated Dr. Faden's insights. The audience included more than ninety researchers, students, faculty, and staff. The Columbia University community was able to further hear about and understand the complex challenges experienced by scholars in Bioethics communities who are appointed to federal commissions.