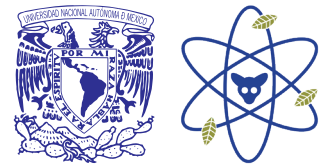


EDITORIAL



With enthusiasm and commitment, we present the first issue of *Bioética UNAM*, the academic journal of the University Bioethics Program at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). This launch responds to the need for a space for critical, rigorous, and interdisciplinary reflection on the ethical challenges that arise at the intersection of life, science, and society. Our goal is to foster an informed and plural dialogue, in which diverse philosophical, scientific, legal, and social perspectives converge to enrich the understanding of contemporary bioethical dilemmas.

In a world marked by dizzying scientific advances, a severe environmental crisis, and deep inequalities, bioethics has become a crucial field for thinking about the present and outlining fairer and more sustainable futures. We face complex dilemmas: artificial intelligence in medicine, biotechnology applied to human enhancement, climate change and its impact on health, policies on access to medical care, the recognition of animal rights, and the rethinking of the relationship between humans and the environment, among many others. Faced with these issues, bioethics cannot be a merely academic or speculative exercise; it must be actively inserted into public debate and the formulation of laws and public policies.

This first issue of *Bioética UNAM* brings together articles that reflect the diversity of approaches and concerns that traverse the field. From a project on bioethics committees in the first level of medical care in Mexico, to the proposal of a queer-crip perspective in bioethics, including the defense of the right to identity of children born through heterologous human reproduction techniques, and the

ethical implications of using artificial intelligence to manipulate or enhance natural ecosystems and biodiversity. Each of these contributions seeks to expand the frameworks of discussion and challenge conventional responses. We are interested in promoting a critical bioethics, capable of questioning the power structures that determine who can participate in decision-making about their own bodies and their environment.

As a journal, we aspire to establish ourselves as a reference in the field of bioethics in Hispanic America—and ultimately at the global level—by promoting research that addresses regional and global issues with a situated approach that is sensitive to sociocultural contexts. We invite the academic community and all those interested in these debates to contribute with their reflections, experiences, and analyses, to collectively build a space where bioethics is not only thought about but also lived and transformed.

We thank all the people who made this first issue possible: authors, reviewers, members of the Editorial Committee, the Editorial Board, and the University Bioethics Program. Their commitment to academic excellence and critical debate is the foundation upon which we will build this project.

We trust that *Bioética UNAM* will become a meeting point for those who seek to question, rethink, and expand the horizons of bioethics. May this first issue be the beginning of a continuous, open, and rigorous conversation.

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