

# Welcome to JAINEoL!



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JAINEoL stands for **Junior Academics International Network on End of Life**. In March 2024, three PhD students, Iris Parra Jounou, Perrine Galmiche, and Pia Dittke, met at the 4th International Conference on End-of-Life Law, Ethics, Policy, and Practice (ICEL4). The three of us had flown to Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, from Spain, France, and Germany and were eager to meet other researchers and be part of an international network. On the last day of the conference, we had lunch together, and while joking, toasting, and having fun, we decided to do something crazy. Why don't we create an international network for early careers? Please, come in. **We want to share our ideas with you.**

## Objectives

This project aims to create a **network for early career researchers from all personal and scientific backgrounds working on end-of-life issues**. We believe that, especially in end-of-life research, we can all benefit from each other's knowledge and work and that we, as early career researchers, should have a platform where we all feel free to share and develop our (early) work. **With JAINEoL, we can build alliances between countries, share research interests, and be research partners.**

In the first year, 2024-2025, we want to focus on seeing how many of us there are, **gathering**, finding needs, deciding how to meet them, and creating **regular meetings** every one or two months to **share our research**, doubts, and **valuable resources**, or establish comparisons between countries if there is a topic we want to develop.

In the long run, we want JAINEoL to be a place where we can:

- Share **relevant events** (conferences, workshops, seminars), calls for abstracts, and recent publications of interest,
- Share **information** on end-of-life law, ethics, policy, and practice in different countries,
- Support each other in **questions on methodology** and research and bridge language barriers,
- Organize our meetings (online) to **exchange experiences**, ideas and possible doubts,
- Create an **annual conference meeting**,
- Work in a **non-hierarchical** way to facilitate the incorporation of new early career researchers,
- Establish partnership(s) with national and international EoL research networks and senior research groups.

## Who can join?

JAINeOL is open to **early career researchers from all backgrounds and countries** who are currently working on end-of-life issues. By early career researchers, we mean everyone **between their research master and postdocs or lecturers (up to 5 years after finalization of PhD)**. The primary language of communication will be English.

## Who we are (so far)



### **Iris Parra Jounou, MA, RN**

I hold a degree in **Nursing** (2011) and a degree in **Humanities** (2019). I also have a postgraduate diploma in Prehospital Emergency Care (2013) and a master's in Classical and Contemporary Philosophy (2020). I am currently a senior PhD student in **moral and political philosophy** at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, where I am researching the **ethics of care** and its impact on end-of-life policies from a **feminist** and intersectional approach under the supervision of Prof. Angel Puyol. I am also the Catalan translator of the books by Joan C. Tronto, *Caring Democracy* and *Who Cares?*

Outside academia, I have also devoted my life to reading and writing **poetry** and literature and hugging **trees** every once in a while.

### **Pia Dittke, M.iur.**

I completed my **law** studies at the University of Muenster, Germany, in October 2022 (1. juristisches Staasesamen, M.iur.). During my studies, I spent a semester with ERASMUS+ at the Universidad de Sevilla, Spain. In my second year, I started working at the **Chair of civil law, philosophy of law and medical law** of Universität Muenster (Thomas Gutmann, Prof. Dr. iur., M.A.). In my dissertation project, I analyze the **right to a self-determined death** from a constitutional perspective with a focus on sedation at the end of life.

Whenever I'm not working, I'm either in the **dance studio**, spending my time in the **sun** (which I miss very badly in rainy Muenster), reading a good book, or working on my language skills.



### **Perrine Galmiche, MA**

I have a degree in **Philosophy** (2015) and a Masters degree in Philosophy and **Medical Ethics** (2018). In 2017, I started working at the Clinical Ethics Center of the Public Hospitals of Paris (Cec). From 2020 to early 2023, I worked at the French National Center for **End-of-Life and Palliative Care**. In 2023, I started working on a PhD in Bioethics and Public Health concerning requests for medical assistance in dying under the direction of Marta Spranzi, PhD, and the supervision of Valérie Mesnage, MD. I am focusing on what **patients** expect from medicine when they have MAID requests and what health **professionals** consider to be their role when confronted with these requests.

I grew up in Annecy and now live in Paris with my **husband** (still weird to write!) and my **cat** Jean-Pierre.

