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This talk addresses the importance of what communities and persons care about in the development of frameworks for bioethics and health-related research policy. Real World Data, Big Data, and the computational sciences are redesigning the expectations and possibilities medicine, with increased emphasis on the promise of precision/personalised medicine. Our digitalized society and data-driven medical sciences bring with them more possibilities for science and an increased evidence basis on which policy can be made. This promises a more open and transparent society that can rely more heavily on science for improved healthcare alongside more a more insightful basis for healthcare policy. At the same time, science and society as a whole also become more vulnerable to misperceptions and disinformation. Thus, there is a need to ensure frame scientific evidence within the larger narrative of emotions, beliefs, and expectations that groups and individuals value and can ensure that health science achieves its best outcomes. The application of health science to requires a listening approach that weaves evidence into what communities and patients value beyond utility and efficiency. People value their ways of life, even as they change and adapt. If we want to share the learnings of the health sciences, we need to be prepared to share a recognition of what is valued in varying ways of life.

Join the seminar on Thursday, 23 April 2020 at 4:00 pm in room 220!