The Homo Medicus (HM) has emerged as an individual who is expected to be responsible for their own health, e.g. by engaging in activities of prevention or constant monitoring of vital parameters. The HM paradigm is based on a notion of health as potentially being always incomplete, or in suspension, and thus in a condition of permanent infra-pathologisation. Despite it feeds the utopian achievement of a total health, the HM is contributing to shift the core of healthcare organisation from the state of health to a condition of risk. Therefore building on former debates on healthcare and body commodification, the present cycle of seminars aims at answering to the following questions: to what extent can the HM can be seen as a new vulnerable subject? What role should national governments play in light of the spread of the HM? What kind of legal tools can be developed in order to protect individuals and guarantee effectiveness to right to health? How can bioethics contribute to tackle the ethical implications of the HM paradigm?

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