



The Cedars-Sinai Center for Medicine, Holocaust and  
Genocide Studies Inaugural International Symposium

# The Nuremberg Doctors' Trial and the Nuremberg Code at 75:

*History, Legacy and Medical Crimes  
Prosecution and Litigation Today*

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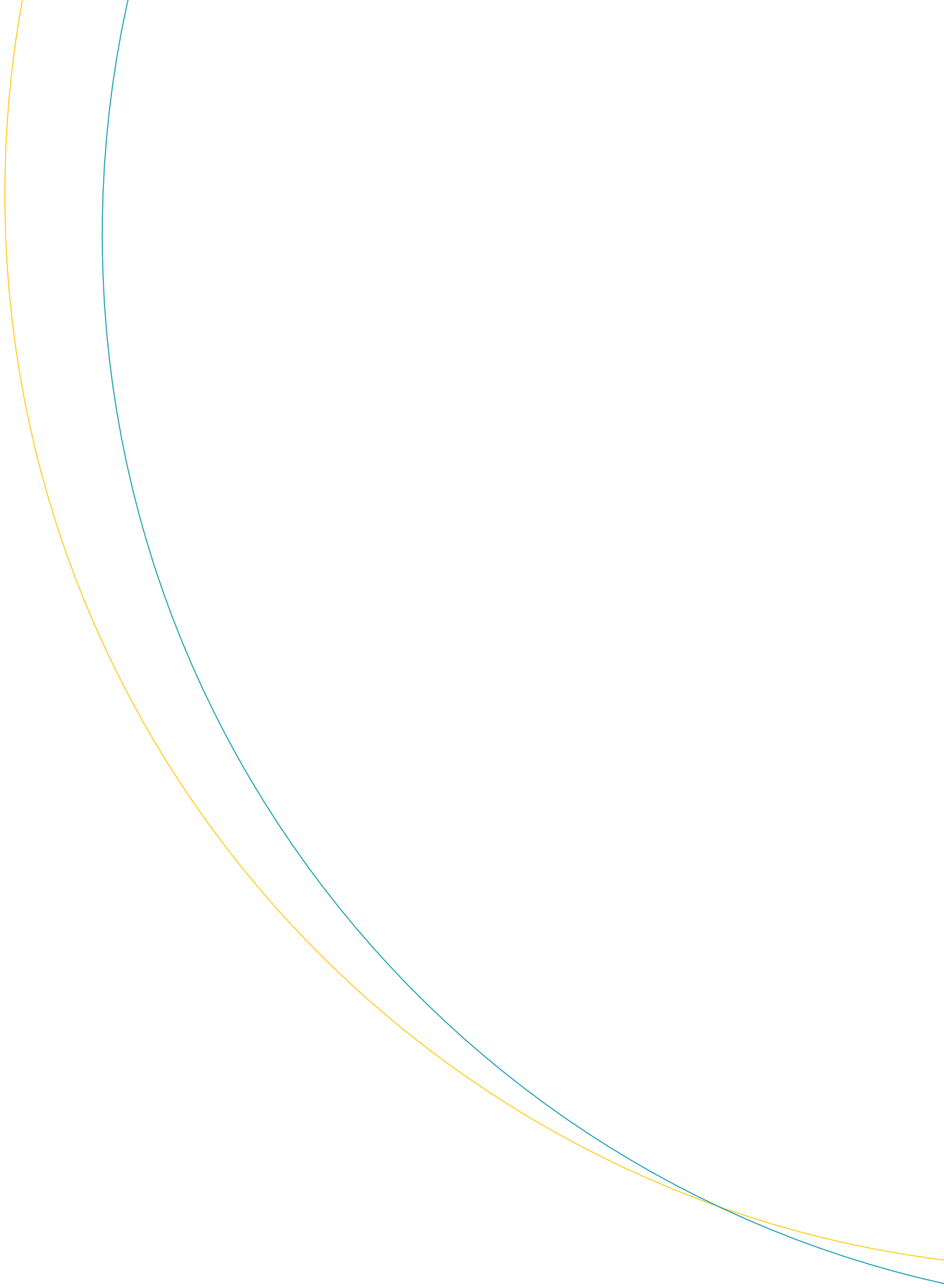
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# Schedule

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8:15 a.m. Check in and Breakfast

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8:45 a.m.

**Welcome**

**Shlomo Melmed**, MB, ChB, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dean of the Medical Faculty and Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

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8:50 a.m.

**Introductory Remarks**

**Sari J. Siegel**, PhD, Founding Director, Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; Assistant Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

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9 a.m.

**Panel I—The Nuremberg Doctors' Trial and the Nuremberg Code—Historical, Legal and Ethical Perspectives**

Moderator: **Leon Fine**, MD, Director, Center for the Arts and Humanities in Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Panelists:

**Nichola Farron**, MA, MPhil, Adjunct Instructor of History and Judaic Studies, Linfield University and Portland State University—  
“Sigmund Rascher and the Dachau Freezing and High-Altitude Experiments: The Corrosion of Healing”

**Jonathan Bush**, MLitt, JD, Lecturer, Columbia Law School—  
“Legal Aspects of the Nuremberg Medical Case(s): From Case Preparation to Post-Conviction Review”

**George J. Annas**, JD, MPH, William Fairfield Warren Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Health Law, Ethics & Human Rights, Boston University School of Public Health—“The ‘Nuremberg Code’ at its Courtroom Birth: The Judges Confront Medical Crimes and Reflect on the Ethics of Human Experimentation”

Discussant: **Michael Bazylar**, JD, Professor of Law and the 1939 Society Scholar in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, Fowler School of Law, Chapman University

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10:20 a.m.

Break

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10:30 a.m.

### **Panel II—The Legacy of the Trial and Code in Material Claims and Medical Ethics**

Moderator: **Rena Selya**, PhD, MLIS, Archivist, Historical Conservancy; Associate Director and Assistant Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Panelists:

**Ruth Jolanda Weinberger**, PhD, Historian, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Fund for Victims of Medical Experiments and Other Injuries)—“The Negative Ramifications of the Nuremberg Medical Trial on Compensation Payments for Victims of Medical Experiments”

**Etienne Lepicard**, MD, PhD, Center for Medical Education, Hadassah and the Hebrew University Medical School; Israel Bioethics Council (2012–2020)—“Negotiating Ethics in the Shadow of the Nuremberg Medical Trial: The German Medical Association and the World Medical Association, 1947–1951”

**Matthew Wynia**, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus—“The Nuremberg Medical Trial and Medical Ethics: Frequently Ignored yet Pervasively Influential”

Discussant: **Alexander Capron**, LLB, University Professor, Scott H. Bice Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy and Ethics (Gould School of Law), Professor of Medicine and Law (Keck School of Medicine of USC), and Co-Director, Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics, University of Southern California

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11:50 a.m.

Break

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### **Keynote**

Introduction: **Eric Esrailian**, MD, MPH, Chief, Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases; Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Speaker: **Michele Heisler**, MD, MPA, Medical Director, Physicians for Human Rights; Professor of Internal Medicine and Public Health, University of Michigan—“Beyond Perpetrators: Health Professionals as Victims and Documenters of War Crimes and Human Rights Violations”

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1:15 p.m.

Lunch

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2:15 p.m.

**Panel III—Medical Professionals’ Participation in Torture and Non-Consensual Medical Experimentation: Current and Recent Cases**

Moderator: **Kate Mackintosh**, LLM, Executive Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA School of Law

Panelists:

**Annsar Shahhoud**, MA, Independent Scholar—“Assad’s Military Doctor on Trial: The Case of Alaa Mousa”

**Brock Chisholm**, DClInPysch, Consulting Clinical Psychologist and Founder, Trauma Treatment International; Clinical Psychologist and Director, Criterion A Psychology Services—“‘Everything Is Forced. Nothing Is by Consent’: Medical and Psychological Professionals’ Participation in Torture at the CIA ‘Darkness’ Prison”

**Hannah Robinson**, JD, Founder and Managing Partner, Robinson Justice Law Center—“The International Case Against the ‘Ethically Impossible’: Holding the U.S. Government Accountable for STD Research in Guatemala Before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights”

Discussant: **Catherine Sweetser**, JD, LLM, Deputy Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights, UCLA School of Law

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3:35 p.m.

Break

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3:45 p.m.

**Presentation and Discussion—Looking to the Future**

Introduction: **Gideon Manning**, PhD, Director and Associate Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

Presenter and Discussion Leader: **Thorsten Wagner**, MA, Executive Director for Strategy and Academics, Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)—“Fostering Ethical Leadership in Young Medical Professionals: The FASPE Approach and the Role of Historical Learning”

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4:45 p.m.

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4:50 p.m.

### **Interdisciplinary Reflections and Wrap-Up Conversation**

Moderator: **Sofia Gruskin**, JD, MIA, Professor, Keck School of Medicine of USC and Gould School of Law, Director, Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California

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5:20 p.m.

### **Closing Remarks**

**Sari J. Siegel**, PhD, Founding Director, Center for Medicine, Holocaust and Genocide Studies; Assistant Professor, Program in the History of Medicine, Cedars-Sinai

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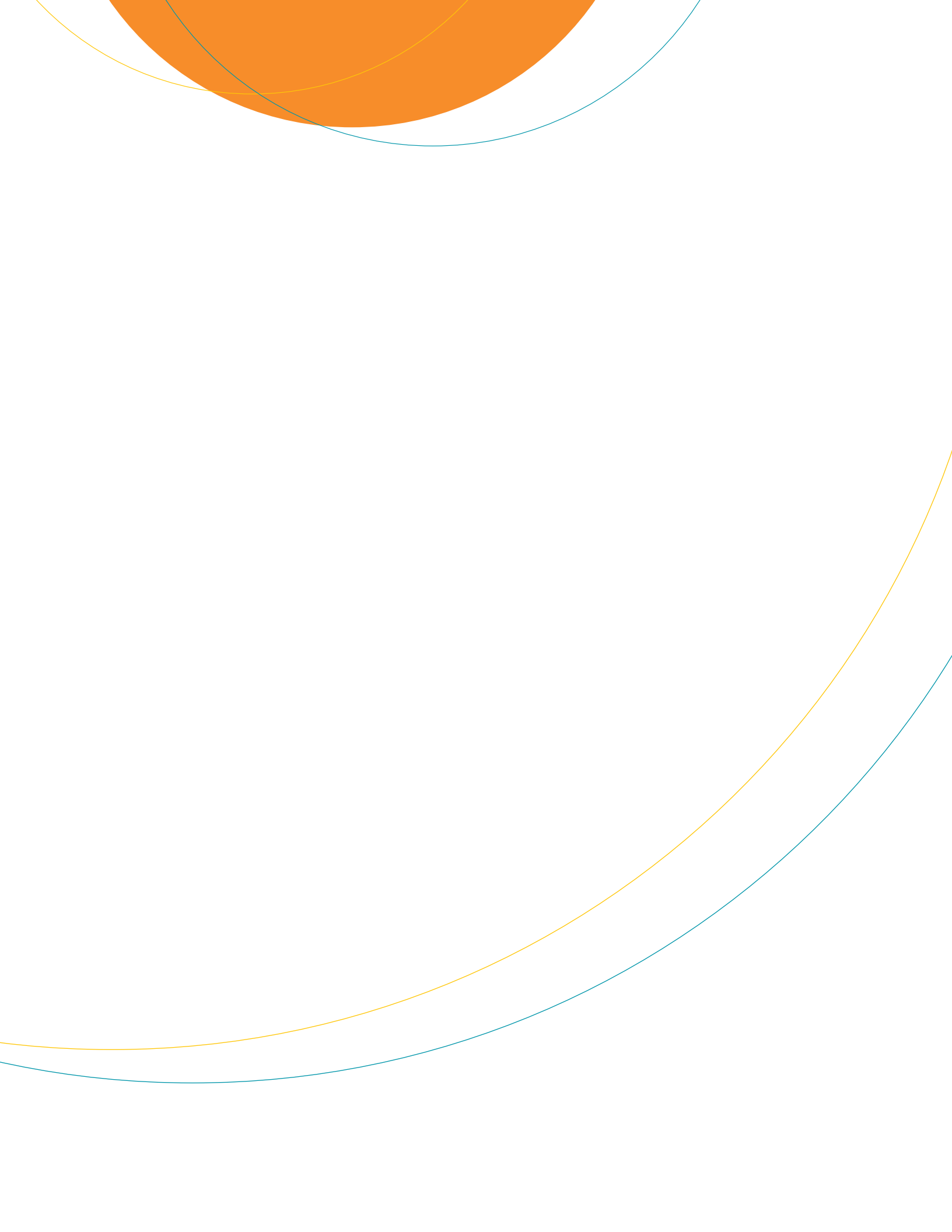
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