



## Reversing Moral Regression in Medical Education with the Konstanz Method of Dilemma-Discussion (KMDD)®

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## A Puzzling Paradox

In no field do we have more ethics teaching, books on (bio-)ethics, ethics committees etc. as in medicine and medical education.

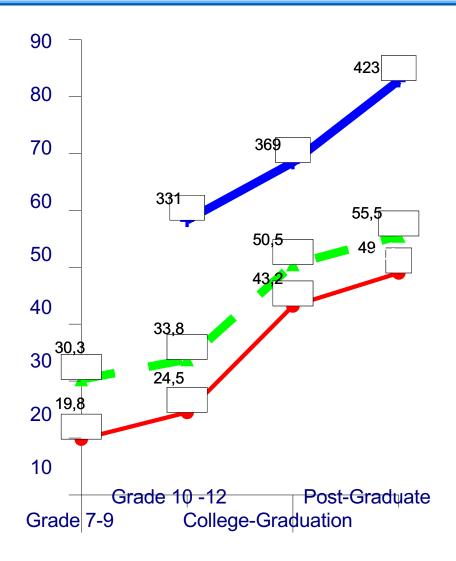
Yet, in spite of this medical education seems to undermine the development of moral-democratic competence.





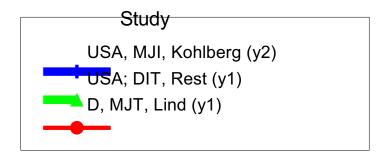


## GoodEducationFostersMoralCompetence



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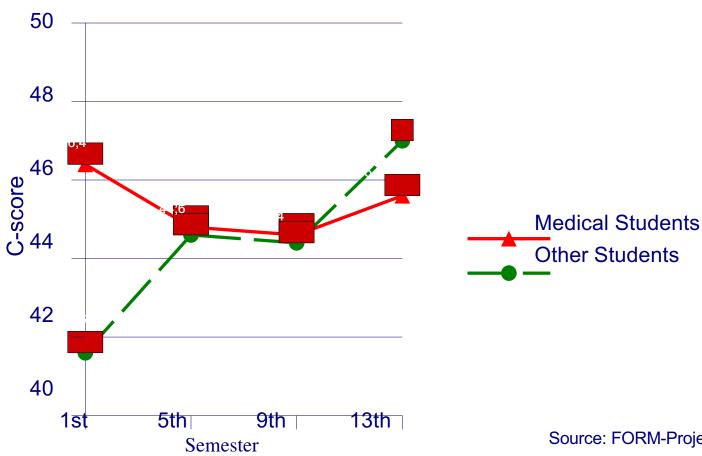
Colby, Kohlberg et al (1987). The measurement of moral judgment... Rest (1986). Moral development... Lind (2002). Ist Moral lehrbar?... Note: The longitudinal findings by Rest and by Lind are supplemented by cross-sectional data.





## Moral Regression In Medical Education

Longitudinal Study of German Medical Students, N = 592, 1977 -1983

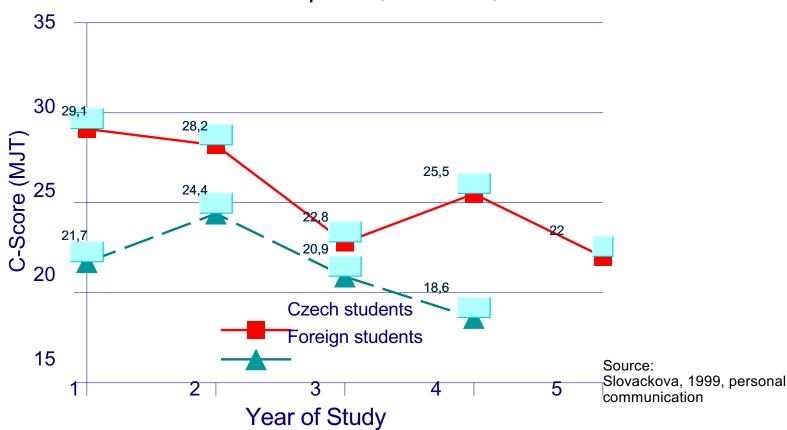


Source: FORM-Project, Lind, 2000



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## Czech Republic, N = 380, 1998

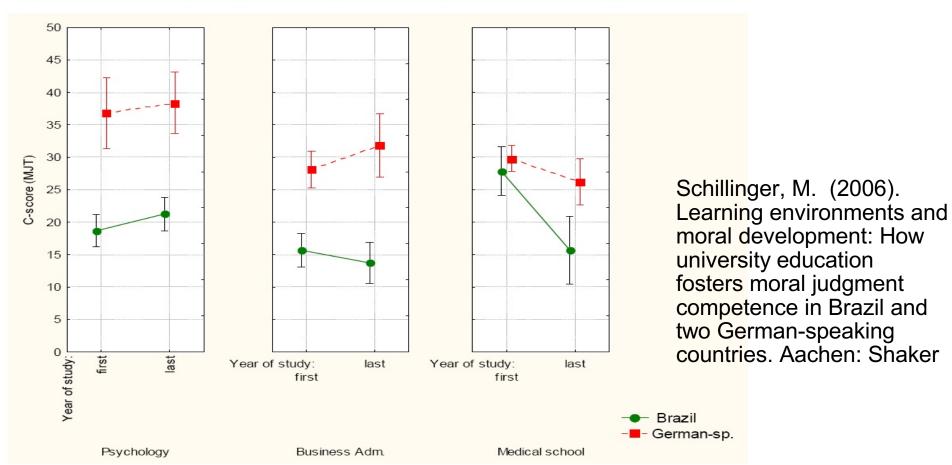




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#### Germany and Brazil

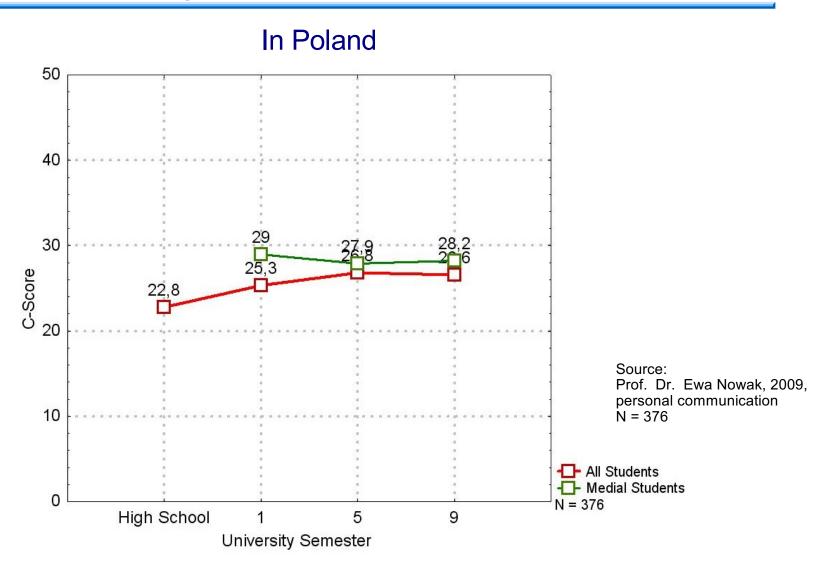
1) MJT C-Scores by area, year of study and culture (Cross-sectional study; N= 1153)





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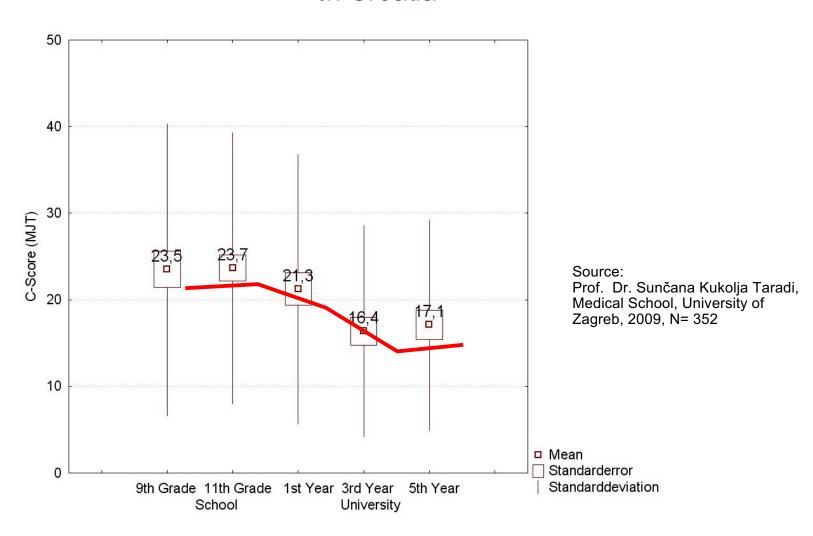






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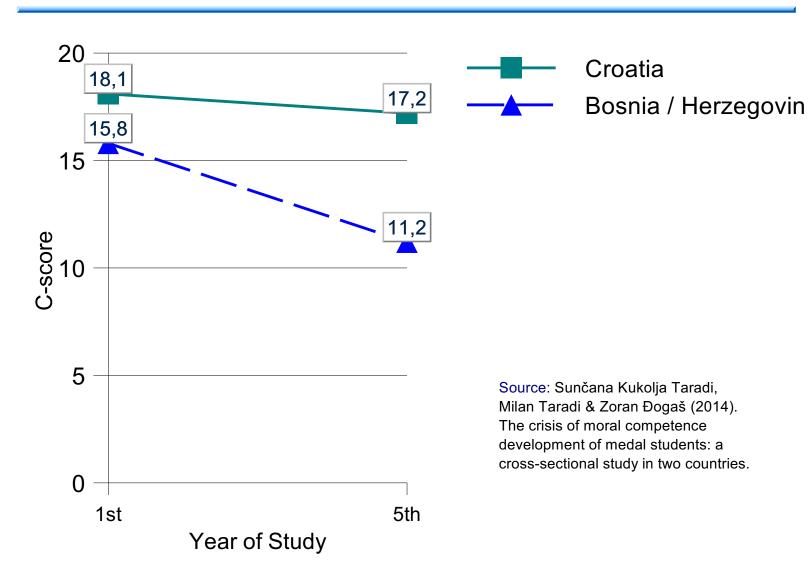
#### In Croatia







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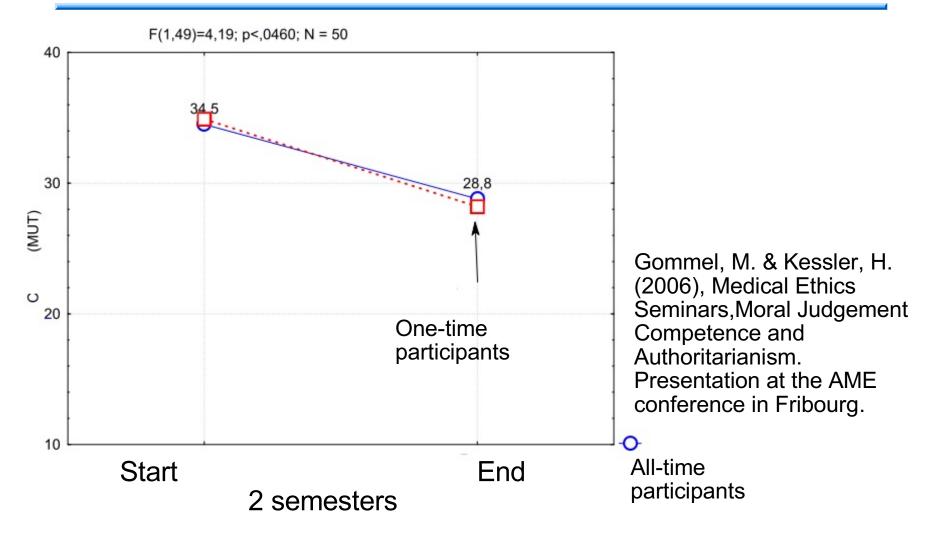
#### Ineffective Methods of Ethical Education

- Reading moral stories
- Lectures about moral values and ethics ("direct methods")
- Values clarification exercises (Simon)
- Problem-based learning

Lind, G. (2003). Ist Moral lehrbar? Ergebnisse der modernen moralpsychologischen Forschung. [Can morality be taught? Research findings from modern moral psychological research.] Berlin: Logos-Verlag.

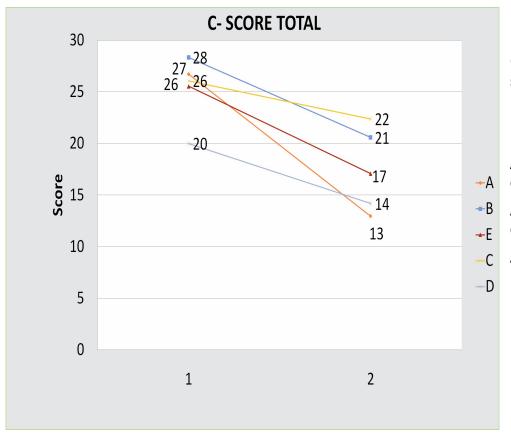


## EffectofProblem-basedEthicsTeaching



# NegativeEffectsofMedicalEducation,intensive PedagogyandProblem-basedteaching:Brazil





C-scores of of 1st and 6th year medical students;

N = 451

A unidade de ensino **A** cujo modelo pedagógico é de forte inserção pedagógica

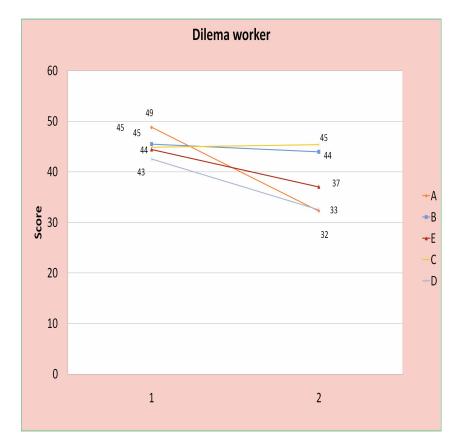
As unidades de ensino **B**, **C** e **D** possuem currículos tradicionais

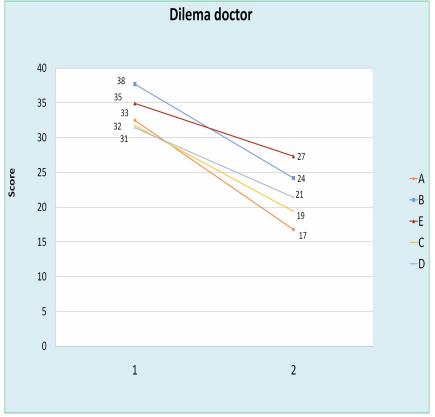
A unidade **E** de ensino tem seu aprendizado baseado em problemas

Rego, S., Palacios, M., Martins, C.D., Bataglia, P., Silva de Oliveira, M., & Bernardino, M., (2011). Avaliação da competência moral entre estudantes de medicina e ambiente de ensino na graduação em medicina: estudo comparativo entre três escolas -Resultados parciais II.

# MoralRegression&SegmentationinMedicalEducation Fostering Moral Competence in Medical Education













## KMDD in the Medical School of Monterrey



#### Educative activities

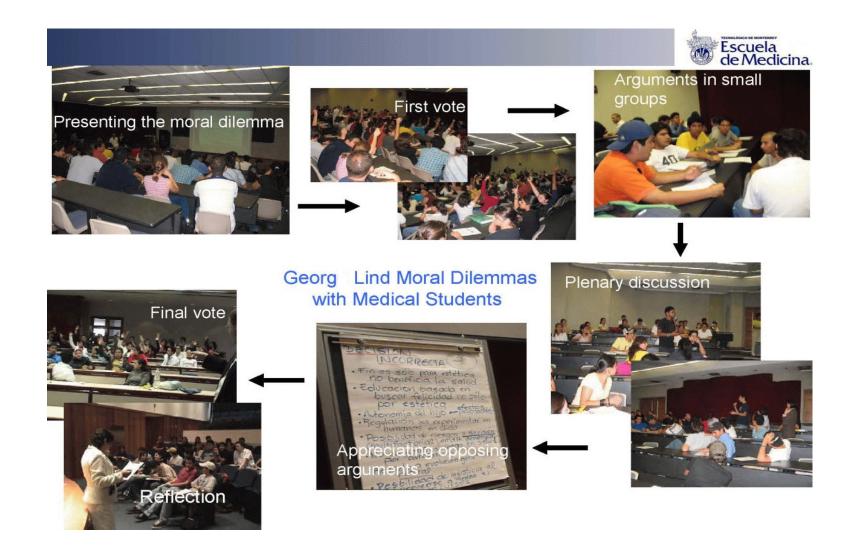


In order to acquire the moral competencies related with ethical basis we have implemented across the curriculum, amongst other activities, the educative Moral Dilemmas using the methodology created by Dr. George Lind at the University of Konstanz





### MedicalStudents'Feedback





## The Relative Effect Size *r* of the KMDD in Comparison to Other Methods and Other Fields





#### Medical students feedback about moral dilemmas

"It's one of the best learning activities for us"

" It's an activity that should be applied each semester"

"The time of discussion should be prolonged to let express the arguments of all the participants"

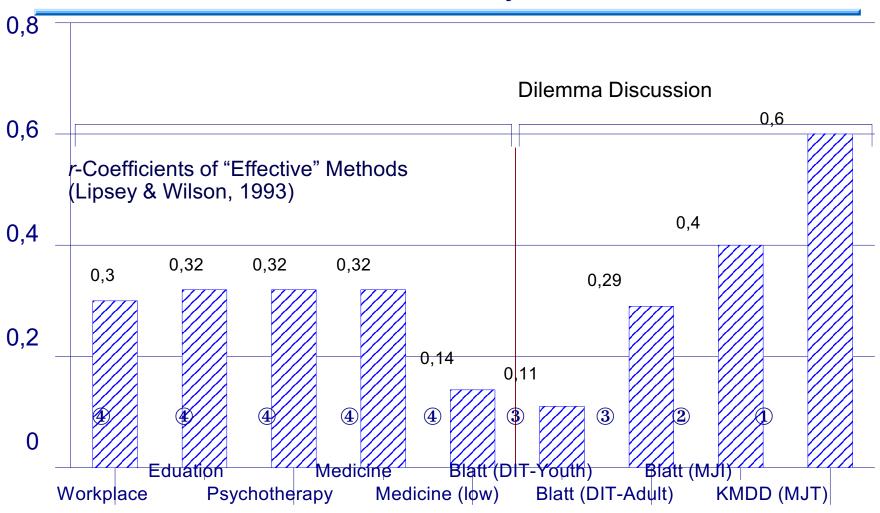
"The lecture at the end of the discussion about some ethical, legal and medical issues has a great value for us"







## **Summary**



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