

Saturday, June 16, 2007

9:00 – 10:45

Parallel Sessions:

Organ Transplantation, Social Relations and Identity Chapel/IERM

Body Tools & Double Alliances | K. Hoeyer - Univ. Copenhagen (DK)  
Donor-Recipient Relations | Amelang/Constantinou - Univ. Berlin (GER), MMC (CY)  
Mediatized Transplants | F. Quinche - Univ. Nancy 2 (FR)

Ethics, Religion and Human Nature Dep. History

Transhumanist Challenge to Virtue Ethics | R. Berry - IT Georgia (USA)  
The Dissolution of Human Nature | M. Weiss - Univ. Vienna (A)  
A Metatheological Analysis | T. Duncker - Univ. Muenster (GER)  
Religious Elements in Transplantation | H. Roecklinsberg - Univ. Lund (SWE)

Issues of Method? Grasping the Challenges of Biomedicine Dep. Asian Studies

Transplantation in a Socio-Med. Gender Perspective | Thürmann/Janshen - (GER)  
Bionanotechnology: A Techno-Ethical Scenario | M. Boenink - Univ. Twente (NL)  
Meanings of Ethnicity in European Biobanking | G. Ellison - Univ. London (UK)

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 13:15

Plenary Session:

Challenges to the Governance of European Bodies Chapel/IERM

A Geography of Governing Biomedicine in Europe | U. Felt - Univ. Vienna (A)  
Pluralism that is what we like, we Europeans | J. Staman - Rathenau Institut (NL)

13:15 – 13:30

Closing

Over the last few decades, biomedical technologies have played a crucial role in re-engineering the human body on multiple levels, as well as in re-defining individual and collective identities. These processes challenge established cultural understandings, the way we govern new technologies as well as bioethical reflection. With the enlargement and integration of the European Union questions relating to the common governance of biomedical technologies including a European bioethics framework have to be critically addressed both theoretically and empirically. Which roles do socio-cultural differences play and how do they figure in shaping bodies and identities? What are the impacts on civic approaches to technologies, ethical argumentation and visions of governing? How are these differences handled in a common Europe?

To address these issues, this conference builds on a comparative and interdisciplinary European research project “**Challenges of Biomedicine**”. Going beyond the project it aims to bring together academics from bioethics, science and technology studies, cultural anthropology, medicine as well as policy makers on European and national levels.

The goals of the conference are to

- discuss empirical work and ethical reflection related to the topic of socio-cultural varieties in re-engineering bodies as well as concepts of choice, agency and identity
- investigate the implications of biomedical technologies for the delivery of health care and the public health
- debate implications of biomedical technologies for European and national policy arenas
- reflect on the methodological challenges of comparative and cross-disciplinary research

Plenary lectures addressing the key issues will be alternated by parallel sessions which are meant to bring together genuine empirical and theoretical work carried out in these areas within the project as well as by invited researchers.

Engineering European Bodies

When Biomedical Technologies Challenge European Governance, Bioethics and Identities

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## Thursday, June 14, 2007

**17:00 – 18:00**  
Registration (Aula)

**18:00 – 20:00**  
Opening Session:

Policy on Biomedical Technologies in a Pluralistic Europe Aula

Welcome | R. Richter - Univ. Vienna (A)  
Introduction | U. Felt - Univ. Vienna (A)  
Politics, Governance & Biomedicine | B. Salter - Univ. East-Anglia (UK)  
Crucial Questions of Bioethics in the EU | D. Mieth - Univ. Tuebingen (GER)

**20:00**  
Welcome Drink & Snacks

## Friday, June 15, 2007

**09:00 – 11:00**  
Plenary Session:

Identity and Biomedical Technologies Aula

Orphan Drugs, Patient Activism & Health Care | C. Novas - Univ. Carleton (CAN)  
Translating Experience into Biomedical Assemblages | S. Beck - Univ. Berlin (GER)

**11:00 – 11:30**  
Coffee Break

## Friday, June 15, 2007

**11:30 – 13:15**  
Parallel Sessions:

Public Knowledge, Citizen Participation and Governance Chapel/IERM

Health Innovation: Governing Dependencies | P. Lehoux - Univ. Montreal (CAN)  
Cultural Differences & Public Engagement | R. Du Plessis - Univ. Canterbury (NZ)  
Citizens' Epistemologies at Work | P. Winkler - Univ. Vienna (A)  
Genetic Testing: Expertise in Context | J. Goven - Univ. Canterbury (NZ)

Re-Engineering Bodies, Re-Engineering Bioethics? Aula

Plurality of Body Concepts | S. Schicktanz - Univ. Goettingen (GER)  
The Complexity of Body Image Concepts | A. Den Dikken - Univ. Utrecht (NL)  
Regeneration: An Ethico-Technical Scenario | T. Swierstra - Univ. Twente (NL)  
Identity after Extreme Reinvention | A. Elliott - Univ. Flinders (AUS)

**13:15 – 14:45**  
Lunch Break

**14:45 – 16:30**  
Parallel Sessions:

Public Health and Public Trust Chapel/IERM

Negotiating Trust & Knowledge | Masseran/Chavot - Univ. Nancy 2 (FR)  
Double Role of Regulators | A. Szogs - Univ. Lund (SWE)  
What is the Public in Biomedicine? | A. Putnina - Univ. Latvia (LV)  
Biomedicine, Social Time and Decision Making | M. Bister - Univ. Vienna (A)

## Friday, June 15, 2007

Bioethics and Governance - Diagnoses and Challenges Aula

Moving Bioethics beyond Ethics | V. Pavone - UPC-CSIC (ESP)  
Bioethics Bodies as Intermediaries | D. Stemerding - Univ. Twente (NL)  
Governing Commercial Cord Blood Banks | A. Mohr - Univ. Nottingham (UK)  
Approaches to Rights & Responsibilities | D. Shickle - U. Leeds (UK)

Enhancing Bodies - Changing Identities Dep. History

Technical Biology around 1900 | H. Fangerau - Univ. Duesseldorf (GER)  
Enhancement & the Image of Man | M. Zichy - Univ. Munich (GER)  
ADHD Adults' Experiences & Enhancement | Bolt/Schermer - UU/ErasmusMC (NL)

**16:30 – 17:00**  
Coffee Break

**17:00 – 19:00**  
Plenary Session:

Addressing Biomedicine across Cultural & Disciplinary Boundaries Aula

Cultural Hauntings & Desires in Reengineered Bodies | M. Fischer - MIT (USA)  
On the Relation between Social Sciences & Bioethics | M. Düwell - U. Utrecht (NL)

**20:00**  
Conference Dinner