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## Biomedicine within the Limits of Human Existence Biomedical Technology and Practice Reconsidered

Hotel Conferentiecentrum Zonheuvel, Doorn, The Netherlands, 8-13 April 2005

Chair: **Marcus Düwell** (Universiteit Utrecht, NL)

Vice-Chairs: **Dietmar Mieth** (Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, DE)

& **Christoph Rehmann-Sutter** (Universität Basel, CH)

### Final Programme

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#### Friday 8 April

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Late afternoon / early evening	Registration at the hotel reception and ESF desk
19.00	Welcome address
19.30	Welcome drink
20.00	Dinner

#### Saturday 9 April

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Opening session: Life – Nature – Contingency

Chair: Marcus Düwell

09.00-09.10	Welcome
09.10-09.50	<b>Daniel Callahan</b> (The Hastings Center, Garrison, US) <i>Finite Lives and Unlimited Medical Aspirations: Are They Compatible?</i>
09.50-10.30	<b>Ludwig Siep</b> (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, DE) <i>The Value of Natural Contingency</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break

Chair: Brenda Almond

11.00-11.40	<b>Rosi Braidotti</b> (University of Utrecht, NL) <i>Biopower and the Politics of Life and Death</i>
11.40-12.20	<b>Christoph Rehmann-Sutter</b> (Universität Basel, CH) <i>On Genetic Information</i>
12.20-13.00	Discussion

13.00 Lunch

Plenary session: Concepts of Nature & Life and Ethical Reflection

Chair: Christoph Rehmann-Sutter

15.00-15.40 **Norbert Campagna** (Serrouville, FR)  
*Procreative needs and rights*

15.40-16.20 **Matthias Kettner** (Private Universität Witten/Herdecke, DE)  
*The Authority of Desire in Biomedical Ethics*

16.20-16.50 Coffee break

Chair: Sheila McLean

16.50-17.30 **Marcus Düwell** (Universiteit Utrecht, NL)  
*Human Body, Human Needs and Morality*

17.30-18.10 **Bert Musschenga** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL)  
*Being Moral as Moral Luck: Neurosciences and (A)morality*

18.10-18.30 Discussion

18.30 Dinner

Plenary session: Human Dignity, Human Nature and Contingency

Chair: Ludwig Siep

19.30-19.50 **Ludger Honnefelder** (Universität Bonn, DE)  
*Bioethics and the Normative Concept of Human Selfhood*

19.50-20.10 **Deryck Beyleveld** (University of Sheffield, UK)  
*Human cognitive vulnerability and the moral status of the human embryo and fetus*

20.10-20.30 **Sheila McLean** (University of Glasgow, UK)  
*The Human Embryo as Clinical Tool: Private Tragedy or Public Good?*

20.30-21.30 Discussion

## Sunday 10 April

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Plenary session: Life Science and Ethics in Different Cultures

Chair: Deryck Beyleveld

09.00-09.30 **Ahmet Hadi Adanali** (Ankara Universitesi, TR)  
*Between Natural Necessity and Ethical Contingency*

09.30-10.00 **Carmel Shalev** (Tel Aviv University, IL)  
*Reflections on Human Dignity and the Cloning Debate*

10.00-10.30 **Boris Yudin** (Moscow Humanitarian University, RU)  
*Conceiving of Human Life: Values of Preservation vs Values of Change*

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

Chair: Tom Shakespeare

11.00-11.30 **Gerold Becker** (Hong Kong Baptist University, CN)  
*Asian Perspectives on Bioethics*

- 11.30-12.00 **Ole Döring** (Ruhr Universität Bochum, DE)  
*Limits of Human Existence According to China's Bioethics: Reproductive Medicine and Human Embryo Research*
- 12.00-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.40-16.20 Parallel sessions: free papers  
(15 min. presentation each + 10 min. discussion)
- Group 1** – Chair: Boris Yudin
- 14.40-15.05 **Oleksii Chaschin**  
*Bioethical Principles in the legal system of Ukraine*
- 15.05-15.30 **Svitlana Pustovit**  
*Reflections on biomedical ethics methodology in Ukraine*
- 15.30-15.55 **Eva Krizova**  
*Changes in medical culture in a transition country - the case of the Czech Republic*
- 15.55-16.20 Discussion
- Group 2** – Chair: Sigrid Graumann
- 14.40-15.05 **Montserrat Bordes**  
*Ostrich Biotechnology: psychodrugs and undesired emotional states in clinical interpersonal relationships*
- 15.05-15.30 **Olga Fedorenko**  
*Influence of alcohol abuse on the exhaustion of membrane-bound pool of leucocytes lactate dehydrogenase*
- 15.30-15.55 **Nikolay Onyshchenko**  
*Micronucleus Reaction of Peripheral Lymphocytes in Rats under Low Dose-rate Gamma-irradiation at Chronic Inflammation*
- 15.55-16.20 **Larisa Kiyashchenko**  
*Bioethics: Challenge of Complexity and Transdisciplinary Respons*
- Group 3** – Chair: Christoph Rehmann-Sutter
- 14.40-15.05 **Brigitte Feuillet-le-Mintier**  
*Dignity and identity, the twin pillars of protection of the person*
- 15.05-15.30 **Wieslaw Sztumski**  
*Bioethics in the face of Technical Perfectionning of a person and his Biological Degradation*
- 15.30-15.55 **Josef Kure**  
*The limitedness of human existence as a correlative to science and technology*
- 15.55-16.20 **Thomas Nys**  
*A Bridge Across Muddy Waters. The Connection between Autonomy and Paternalism*
- 16.20-17.00 Coffee break
- 17.00-19.00 Parallel sessions (continued): free papers
- Group 1** – Chair: Marcel Verweij
- 17.00-17.25 **Boleslav Lichterman**  
*Ethics in neurosurgery*
- 17.25-17.50 **Dmitry Maksimov**  
*Problem of smoking - how to cope with it?*
- 17.50-18.15 **Eric Vermeulen**  
*Life in the provisory. Technology and decisions about extremely premature born babies in two hospitals*
- 18.15-19.00 Discussion

**Group 2** – Chair: Ole Döring

- 17.00-17.25 **Silke Schicktanz**  
*Global life science - local bioethics? Problems and opportunities*
- 17.25-17.50 **Aviad Raz**  
*New Genetic Technologies and DNA policies in Social and Cultural Perspective: a Comparison between Israel, The US, and Germany*
- 17.50-18.15 **Glenn Ellis**  
*African American Perspectives on Healthcare*
- 18.15-18.40 **Alireza Bagheri**  
*How Social Acceptance limits the evolution of Biotechnology policy: Lessons from Organ Transplantation in Japan*
- 18-40-19.00 Discussion
- Group 3** – Chair: Matthias Kettner
- 17.00-17.25 **Oana Iftime**  
*Where are the limits? A European analysis of moral limitations in biomedical sciences*
- 17.25-17.50 **Adelina Ilieva**  
*The "ethos of science" as a future prospect for an ethics of life sciences*
- 17.50-18.15 **Marcel Verweij**  
*Are my duties to avoid infection without limits?*
- 18.15-19.00 Discussion
- 19.30 Dinner

**Monday 11 April**

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Plenary session: Disability – Disease – Enhancement

Chair: Gerhold Becker

- 09.00-09.45 **Tom Shakespeare** (Newcastle University, UK)  
*Disability as suffering: embodiment, impairment and social oppression*
- 09.45-10.30 **Sigrid Graumann** (Institut Mensch, Ethik & Wissenschaft, Berlin, DE)  
*Disability and Moral Philosophy – why difference should count*
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break

Chair: Maurizio Mori

- 11.00-11.45 **Joel Anderson** (Utrecht University, NL)  
*Neuro-Prosthetics, the Extended Mind, and the Fluid Boundary between Enhancing and Healing*
- 11.45-12.30 **Jackie Leach Scully** (Universität Basel, CH)  
*With One Bound Our Hero Sprang Free: Enhancement, Limitation, and the Ethics of Escape*
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00-18.00 Half-day excursion to Haarlem  
Dinner in Haarlem

## Tuesday 12 April

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Plenary session: Needs – Goods – Rights

Chair: Robert Heeger

- 09.00-09.45        **Brenda Almond** (Human Genetics Commission, Lewes, UK)  
*Reproductive Choice: Whose rights? Whose freedom?*
- 09.45-10.30       **Maurizio Mori** (University of Turin, IT)  
*Assisted Reproduction and Changing of Human Body*
- 10.30-11.00       Coffee break

Chair: Carlos Romeo-Casabona

- 11.00-11.45       **Bernard Baertschi** (University of Geneva, CH)  
*Needs and the Metaphysics of Rights*
- 11.45-12.30       **Hille Haker** (Harvard University, Cambridge, US)  
*Vulnerability and the need to be recognized*
- 12.30-13.00       Discussion
- 13.00               Lunch
- 14.00-15.40       Parallel sessions: free papers  
(15 min. presentation each + 10 min. discussion)
- Group 1** – Chair: Bernard Baertschi
- 14.00-14.25       **Mariëtte Van den Hoven**  
*Contingency in moral opinions: commonsense morality as opinion poles, conservative status quo or fundamental convictions that happen to change over time?*
- 14.25-14.50       **Lars Ursin**  
*Only for the best*
- 14.50-15.15       **Daryl Pullman**  
*Human dignity, rational agency, and the boundaries of the moral community*
- 15.15-15.40       Discussion
- Group 2** – Chair: Carmel Shalev
- 14.00-14.25       **Vassilios Fanaras**  
*Therapeutic Cloning: A dilemma between ethics and healing humans*
- 14.25-14.50       **Norman Ford**  
*Human Embryos, Deriving Pluripotent Stem Cells for Research and Ethics*
- 14.50-15.15       **Jacquelyne Luce**  
*Momentary and Life Histories: Locating 'embryos' in the context of 'New' embryo research*
- 15.15-15.40       **Ninette Rothmüller**  
*Women and Embryos – Visual Practises of Sense Making*
- Group 3** – Chair: Ahmet Hadi Adanali
- 14.00-14.25       **Daniel Serrão**  
*End of Life: Ethical questions*
- 14.25-14.50       **Eva-Lotta Grantén**  
*Making death contingent - a challenge for bioethics*
- 14.50-15.15       **Maria Wolf**  
*Life as a sexually transmitted deadly disease. How Biomedicine created a fear of life*
- 15.15-15.40       **Samia Hurst**  
*Refusal of decision-making capacity assessment: a case of bioethics within the limits of human existence?*

- 15.40-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-17.40 Parallel sessions (continued): free papers  
(15 min. presentation each + 10 min. discussion)
- Group 1** – Chair: Dietmar Mieth
- 16.00-16.25 **Jan Hartman**  
*Contingency and modesty*
- 16.25-16.50 **Annemarie Kalis**  
*Contingency in human behavior and the definition of an 'act'*
- 16.50-17.15 **Niels Nijsingh**  
*Paternalism without incompetence*
- 17.15-17.40 **Cristiano Vezzoni**  
*Rights through legislation: autonomy for incompetent patients*
- Group 2** – Chair: Mariëtte Van den Hoven
- 16.00-16.25 **Yvonne Denier**  
*The Tragic & the Unjust. Philosophical Reflections on the Moral status of Human Nature*
- 16.25-16.50 **John P. Lizza**  
*Persons: Biological, Psychological, or Ethical Kind?*
- 16.50-17.15 **Anders Nordgren**  
*Genetic Identity: Implications and Limitations*
- 17.15-17.40 **Mark Sheehan**  
*The Presumption against interfering with Nature*
- Group 3** – Chair: Hille Haker
- 16.00-16.25 **Sebastian Sethe**  
*Posthuman ideals and the contingency of nature*
- 16.25-16.50 **Sander Wilkens**  
*The human as a substance or membrane - legal connotations*
- 16.50-17.15 **Kharlampi Tiras**  
*Computer biology and naturalistic ethics: from biological ethics to ethical biology*
- 17.15-17.40 **John Pennington**  
*The Social Imaginary and public perceptions of new and emerging biotechnologies*
- 18.00 Departure to Utrecht
- 19.15 Public lecture  
**Laurie Zoloth** (Northwestern University, Chicago, US)  
*Living under the Fallen Sky: Bioethics and Basic Research*
- 20.30 Reception and Conference Dinner in Utrecht

### **Wednesday 13 April**

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Plenary session: Future Prospects for an Ethics of the Life Sciences  
Chair: Albert Musschenga

- 09.00-09.30 **Laurie Zoloth** (Northwestern University, Chicago, US)  
*Living under the Fallen Sky: Discussion of the Public Lecture*
- 09.30-10.00 **Michiel Korthals** (Wageningen University, NL)  
*Ethical issues of the future of the life sciences*
- 10.00-10.30 **Theo van Willigenburg** (University of Utrecht, NL)  
*Philosophical Reflection on Bioethics and Limits*
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break

Chair: Marcus Düwell

- 11.00-11.30      **Carlos Romeo-Casabona** (Universidad de Deusto, Bilbao, ES)  
*Future prospects for an ethics of the life sciences: from the perspectives of law*
- 11.30-12.00      **Dietmar Mieth** (Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, DE)  
*Life - Nature - contingency - the ethical conception of finite freedom*
- 12.00-13.00      Final Discussion
- 13.00              Lunch and departure

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