

Internal Workshop

„Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Genetics * But Were Afraid to Ask” - 11.-12.1.2016 in Göttingen, Germany

Genetic technologies cover a wide range of fast changing methodologies and continuously developing approaches. They gain currently a lot of attention from social and cultural sciences dealing with the social, psychological and cultural effects of their implementation. Researchers working in the interdisciplinary field of bioethics are often unprepared for the complex matter of genetic technologies, their theoretical backgrounds and latest developments in related methodologies.

This workshop will provide basic information from a problem-oriented perspective in the sense that it is not a classical introductory course in genetics and related technologies, but driven by the sometimes basic questions social scientists and ethicists are confronted with when they want to assess and evaluate the ELSA impacts. Its aim is to give researchers dealing with genetics from a non-geneticist perspective, such as sociologists and philosophers, a roadmap to guide their particular projects and to allow for more interdisciplinary exchange between ELSA and genetic sciences. The workshop will be scientifically lead by Dr. Heidi C. Howard who will answer the pressing questions, ELSA scholars have. Dr. Howard is an experienced researcher working at the Centre for Research Ethics & Bioethics (CRB) in Uppsala. Trained as a geneticist, she is also focusing now on the various ethical, social and legal issues.

Participants are required to submit a short CV (max. 4 pages) and a description of their projects of no more than 1 pages. Each participant shall also submit three very concrete questions in regard to genetics he or she would like to discuss in the workshop. The deadline for application is 5th of November 2015. Please send your application to

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The course participation is free, including lunch and coffee breaks. A limited number of places are available. Travel costs and accommodation need to be covered by the participants. The workshop language is English.

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