

The research units Philosophy of Medicine and Practice Philosophy, Dept. of Culture and Society, Aarhus University

February 28 2013, 13.00-17.00, Venue: Room 454, Building 1483.

Workshop: "Translational Medicine - From Labbench to Clinical Bedside"

Programme

13.00: Welcome by Prof. Uffe Juul Jensen (Centre for Health, Humanity and Culture, Dept. for Culture and Society, Aarhus University).

13.15: Prof. Marianne Boenink (Twente), "Translational Medicine – From Labbench to Clinical Bedside". Chair: Karin Christiansen.

14.00: Discussion

15.00: Coffee-break

15.30: Prof. Alfred Nordmann (Darmstadt), "Translating the Pharmacon". Chair: Keld Thorgård.

16.15: Discussion

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RSVP: February 18th

Presentation of speakers

Prof. Dr. Alfred Nordmann



BACKGROUND

After receiving his Ph.D. in Hamburg (1986) Alfred Nordmann served on the faculty of the Philosophy Department at the University of South Carolina where he remains affiliated. Since 2002 he is Professor of Philosophy and History of Science and Technoscience at Darmstadt Technical University. He focuses on the one hand on the formation of conceptions of scientific objectivity, on the other hand on epistemological, ontological, aesthetic aspects of technoscientific research.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Philosophy of Science and of Technoscience
- History of the philosophy of science and of epistemology
- Heinrich Hertz and Ludwig Wittgenstein
- Problems and methods of science and technology assessment
- Philosophical dimensions of nanotechnoscience, synthetic biology, climate engineering

DR. M. BOENINK



BACKGROUND

Marianne Boenink is an assistant professor at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Twente, where she specializes in philosophy and ethics of biomedical technology. She holds a MSc in Health Sciences (Universiteit Maastricht) and an MA in Philosophy (Universiteit van Amsterdam). In 2000 she received a PhD in Philosophy from the Universiteit van Amsterdam for a dissertation on the role of philosophical and literary texts in normative judgments. From 2000 to 2003 she was a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Philosophy at the Universiteit van Amsterdam, before coming to Twente. She is a member of the 3TU Centre of Excellence for Ethics and Technology. See also http://www.ethicsandtechnology.eu/people/boenink_marianne/

RESEARCH

Marianne's research focuses on philosophical and ethical issues related to several biomedical technologies, like predictive DNA diagnostics, breast cancer screening, and applications of nanotechnology in medicine. In addition, she has done methodological work on the early ethical assessment of emerging technologies. Recurrent themes in her research are: the molecularization of concepts of disease and health; ethics of early diagnosis, screening and prevention; the role of uncertainties (as distinct from risks) in emerging technologies and how to responsibly deal with them; and the relation between developments in science & technology on the one hand and health care practices on the other.

She is currently leading two research projects: one on 'Responsible Innovation of (early) diagnostics for Alzheimer's disease (funded by the Dutch Organization for Scientific Research) and one on 'Exploring possibilities for patient involvement in translational research' (funded by the Centre for Society and Life Sciences, in cooperation with the Centre for Translational Molecular Medicine in the Netherlands).