



ANNOUNCEMENT

Science Centre Singapore
&
Bioethics Advisory Committee

cordially invite you to

Science in the Café

on Friday, 24 February 2012 at 7:00pm
at
The Newton Room
Science Centre Singapore

With

Baroness Onora O'Neill

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Department of Philosophy
University of Cambridge, UK*

on

Routine and Exotic Bioethics

Please see below for more information.

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Attendance is free of charge but pre-registration is required.
Reservations are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis due to limited seating.
Please make your reservations by email to kt_pang@science.edu.sg with your name, number of participants and membership link number (if any)

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Routine and Exotic Bioethics

The novelty of many of the problems discussed in bioethics can be beguiling. Who would have thought in the early days of contemporary bioethics that we would find ourselves discussing human cloning and climate change, sex selection and human 'enhancement'? Novel and exotic problems can, however, distract attention from the fact that many routine and fundamental issues lack satisfactory resolution. These include the lack of agreement on the demands of informed consent, lack of a stable view of the nature or importance of autonomy, and lack of agreement on how we may or should deal with action that affects various types of public, non-distributable goods which cannot demand informed consent or respect autonomy.

Baroness Onora O'Neill

comes from Northern Ireland and was educated at Oxford and Harvard, where she worked under the late John Rawls. She has taught in the US and the UK, was Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge until 2006 and teaches Philosophy in Cambridge. She was President of the British Academy, the UK National Academy for Humanities and Social Sciences from 2005-9, and chaired the Nuffield Foundation from 1998-2010. She has been a member of the House of Lords since 1999, and is an independent, non-party peer. She has served on the Select Committees on Stem Cell Research, BBC Charter Review, Genomic Medicine, Nanotechnology and Food and Behavioural Change. She writes on ethics and political philosophy, with particular interests in international justice, the philosophy of Immanuel Kant and bioethics. Her books include **Faces of Hunger: An Essay on Poverty, Development and Justice** (1986), **Constructions of Reason: Explorations of Kant's Practical Philosophy** (1989), **Towards Justice and Virtue** (1996) and **Bounds of Justice** (2000), **Autonomy and Trust in Bioethics** (2002), **A Question of Trust** (the 2002 Reith Lectures) and **Rethinking Informed Consent in Bioethics** (jointly with Neil Manson, 2007). She is currently working on practical judgement and normativity, trust and accountability in public life; and the ethics of communication.



Bioethics Advisory Committee

The Bioethics Advisory Committee (BAC) was established by the Government in December 2000 to examine ethical, legal and social issues arising from life sciences and biomedical research in Singapore, and to recommend policies concerning these issues. The BAC has so far published recommendations on human stem cell research, reproductive and therapeutic cloning, human tissue research, research involving human subjects, genetic testing and genetic research, personal information in biomedical research, donation of human eggs for research, and human-animal combinations in stem cell research. It is currently considering new topics including neuroethics, research integrity, and the management of incidental findings in biomedical research.

More information on BAC can be found at: <http://www.bioethics-singapore.org>

About the Science Centre's **Science in the Café**

Science Centre Singapore has adopted and adapted the highly successful *Café Scientifique* format used in Britain, France and elsewhere, to bring diverse groups of people together, in a relaxed, informal environment to discuss science and related issues that are transforming our society and our planet. Cafés are not (meant to be) lessons, seminars, debates or science clubs. They are audience-initiated and -sustained discussions, much like those begun in cafeteria or common room or lounge “chats over coffee”. Engagement (in the discussion) can be in any direction from the topic – be it scientific, philosophical, social, political, ... In fact, it may be good to come what some points of discussion in mind.

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<http://www.science.edu.sg/events/Pages/sciencecafe.aspx>