

DATE COLLOQUE SCIENCES DE LA VIE EN SOCIÉTÉ : fascination, confrontation, controverses, co-évolution.

COLLOQUIUM LIFE SCIENCE IN SOCIETY: fascination, confrontation, controversy and co-evolution.

SAVE THE DATE



Mardi 28 septembre \ Tuesday, September 28th 2010

8:30 - 18:30 \ COLLÈGE DE FRANCE\
11, place Marcelin Berthelot - 75005 Paris



Ever since Paul Berg's call in the early 1970s for contemporary debates on stem cells or synthetic biology and more recent controversies concerning GMOs, the life sciences and technologies have been at the heart of the relationship between science and society.

What types of regulations and controls should be placed on scientific research? Is regulation of the applications of research enough, or should research itself be regulated? Where does research freedom stop and at what point should a researcher's sense of responsibility start to intervene? Should the public be informed? How can public debates on these issues be organized?

The objective of this joint Genopole®-IFRIS initiative is to revisit these questions by organizing a dialogue between life science and the human & social sciences. We intend to use what has been learned over the last four decades to clarify the most contemporary issues. The goal is to (i) avoid a position which would create a head-to-head conflict between rational scientists and a society prey to its emotions and fears and (ii) understand how science and society co-evolve.

The five-year cycle of one-day annual meetings organized by Genopole® and the IFRIS intend to deal seriously with the question of science/society co-evolution by inviting a few of the world's leading specialists in the field of science, technology and society to debate on the last decade's developments with politicians, journalists, associations and research managers as well as life scientists.

Although public opinion now appears to have a major influence on science policies, there is no obvious reason why this should necessarily be the case. The idea behind this first colloquium organized on the 28th of September at the College de France in Paris, is to work on the notion of «public opinion» by using illustrative case studies: the public opinion that comes out of opinion polls, public opinion in the blogosphere, concerned groups, militant groups, etc.

Early Registration before July 30th : 100€ - 200€.
Late Registration from July 30th : 150€ - 250€.

DRAFT PROGRAM

9:00 - 9:30 \ Opening Session and Introduction

Pierre Corvol, Administrator of the Collège de France, President of the Colloquium

Pierre Tambourin, Chief Executive of Genopole®

Catherine Paradeise, Professor, University Paris Est-Lats, President of IFRIS

9:30 - 12:00 \ SESSION 1 \ CONCERNED GROUPS – PATIENT ASSOCIATION INITIATIVES IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

Chairman \ Dominique Donnet-Kamel, Project coordinator Inserm Patients Associations

Nicolas Dodier, Research Director - Inserm, Study Director - École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales

Vololona Rabeharisoa, Professor Mines-ParisTech, Researcher - Centre de Sociologie de l'Innovation/CNRS

Steven Epstein, Professor of sociology, Northwestern University

12:00 - 15:30 \ SESSION 2 AND LUNCH \ COMMITTED GROUPS – CITIZEN-LED INITIATIVES AND THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING GMOs

Chairman \ Jean Masson, Inra

Christophe Bonneuil, Researcher-CNRS and associated Inra/SenS, IFRIS

Brian Wynne, Professor, Lancaster University

Pierre-Benoît Joly, Research Director Inra/SenS, Chief Executive of IFRIS

15:45 - 18:00 \ SESSION 3 \ DEFINING «PUBLIC OPINION» ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES – THE CASE OF SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY

Chairman \ Jean-Michel Besnier, Scientific Director of Life Science & Society Sector of French Ministry of Research, Professor of philosophy at University Paris-Sorbonne

Claire Marris, Senior Research Fellow, Bios, London School of Economics and Inra

Jean-Philippe Cointet, Researcher Inra/SenS and IFRIS

Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent, Professor University Paris X, President of Vivagora

18:00 - 18:30 \ Conclusion

Program, information and registration \ <http://lsinsociety.genopole.fr> Mail \ communication@genopole.fr

[Presentation will be given in English or French depending on the speakers but a simultaneous interpreting service will be provided in both languages.]