



DESIGNER BABIES: CHOOSING OUR CHILDREN'S GENES

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Abstract: The new CRISPR-Cas9 technology brings us closer to being able to change the genome of an individual or even the whole species. This has enormous promise for the understanding and eventual prevention or cure of devastating genetic diseases. It also raises different ethical questions. Is it ethical to use a technology with unknown effects in the remote future? Might a technology developed to prevent or cure disease be used for enhancement purposes, and if so, would that be wrong?

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Time : 4:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Venue : CEC1002, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Hong Kong Baptist University, 224 Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong

*******All are welcome (Reservation by email)*******