



EGE Online

Ethics of Genome Editing Research Unit's Online Engagement Series



Online-Zoom event

CRISPR'd Humans, genome editing & public engagement? The what, how and why!

Thursday August 4th @ 2pm Central European Time (9am Halifax time)

Length of event: 1h45min [talks and discussion]

During the 2010's, the CRISPR-Cas9 technique – with its promise as a new, more efficient, more accurate and feasible form of gene editing – has reignited a popular awareness of genetic science to a degree not seen since the advent of the Human Genome Project of the 1990s. It is now one decade since the 2012 paper that Doudna and Charpentier co-authored and there have been a number of promising developments of the CRISPR tools in research but also developments that have caused concern and outrage (e.g. the He Jiankui incident). Throughout this time, there has been numerous calls for public engagement and the desire for various degrees of social consensus before the technology either proceeds at all, or before it continues to proceed in various directions. Such calls for public engagement, for (some degree of) social consensus, or for all relevant perspectives and groups are genuinely (not just instrumentally) consulted sounds reasonable and warranted. However, what does it entail specifically? What are the main challenges and the main goals? Who should it involve? Has it been effective to date in this or similar areas? These important questions will be the framework for this event.

- Prof Françoise Baylis (Dalhousie University)
- Prof. Dr. Gabriele Werner-Felmayer (Medical University Innsbruck)
- Prof. Gardar Árnason (University of Akureyri)

If you are interested in joining, please send an email to oliver.feeney@uni-tuebingen.de and you will be added to the list of attendees. The list of attendees will receive the zoom link the day before the event.

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