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Bioethics as Ethical Engagement.

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As an (inter)discipline bioethics has always represented an engagement between the academy's 'two cultures' as well as an attempt to bring the ethical issues raised by bioscience and healthcare to the attention of a wider audience, including that of the general public. Continuing the theme of self-reflection that has been a mark of previous conferences in this series we seek papers which represent the current diversity of bioethics and raise questions regarding the engagement of bioethical research at various levels. Empirical methods are becoming more central to the discipline; the influence of various humanities can be felt in bioethical research and in the classroom; the cultural location of bioethical and medical practices are becoming clearer; and an understanding of bioethical and medical ethical history is beginning to emerge. How does such a diverse body of research achieve a sense of unity amongst its own practitioners and engage with various interest groups and publics? Furthermore bioethics must ensure that it is open to engagement by those interest groups and the public in a dialectic fashion rather than adopting a didactic role. Topics for papers may include but are not limited too:

- The media and the public face of bioethics.
- Applied ethics as public philosophy
- The Arts and Bioethics.
- The challenge of interdisciplinarity and the languages of (bio)ethics.
- The history of medical, healthcare and bio-ethics and the institutions of healthcare.
- Humanities in the healthcare ethics classroom.
- Researching Ethical Healthcare Practice.
- Moral Leadership and the Healthcare Institution.
- Communicating new approaches to Bioethics
- From academic research to the professional's classroom.
- The new professionalism, interprofessionalism, and ethics.
- Bioethics, the 3rd sector and the interest group.

A specific panel on Genetic/ Genomics will be convened to represent the interests of our sponsor Cesagen. The papers given at the conference will be considered for publication in **Bioethics**.

Proposals for papers not more than 350 words are invited. The Submission deadline is Monday May the 11th 2009. Submission is by email to postgrad.bioethics.conf.2009@gmail.com. Papers given at the conference will be considered for publication in Bioethics.

Academic Speakers:

Dr Shildrick (QUB) will deliver a presentation on the film 'Naked on the Inside' and discussing bioethical pedagogy.

Prof. Miah (UWS) will be presenting on 'BioArt as Bioethics'.

Discussion about the Creation of a UK/ Ireland Postgraduate Bioethics Network:

The conference will be the venue for the discussion of the creation of a UK wide postgraduate/ early career researcher Bioethics Network. Whatever the location and intellectual surroundings of postgraduate bioethicists we feel that the time has come to take advantage of the Web2.0 and create a viable postgraduate network. The only established aim of the network is currently the annual conference. All other aims, objectives and activities of the conference are open for suggestion and discussion by UK and Ireland postgraduate researchers. We would appreciate your thoughts in advance of the conference (whether or not you are able to attend) in order that a agenda can be drawn up. Please email us at postgrad.bioethics.conf.2009@gmail.com.

We are very fortunate in that the session devoted to discussion of the postgraduate bioethics network will be facilitated by Louise O'Meara from the [Interaction Institute for Social Change](#). Louise is a professional facilitator who has delivered training on leadership, teambuilding and network building to a variety of business and political settings. We are very grateful to her for donating her time.

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