

# Heritable Genome Editing and Equality

## Draft Programme

### Friday 3 March 2023

**9.30 – 10.00: Introduction and Welcome**  
*Dr Calum MacKellar, Associate Prof Matt James, and Ms Tracey O'Donnell*

**Chairperson of the Morning Session: Dr Calum MacKellar**

**10.00 – 10.45: Talk 1 - The Origins of Equality**  
*Associate Prof Matt James*  
Bioethics Section, Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts, St Mary's University,  
Twickenham, UK

**10.45 - 11.15: Coffee Break**

**11.15 – 12.00: Talk 2. Equality in Philosophy – What makes human beings equal?**  
*Associate Prof Dr Roberto Andorno*  
Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Zurich,  
Switzerland

**12.00 – 12.45: Talk 3. Equality and the History of Eugenics**  
*Prof Dr David A. Jones*  
Bioethics Section, Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts, St Mary's University,  
Twickenham, UK

**12.45 – 13.45 Lunch**

**Chairperson of the Afternoon Session: Associate Prof Dr Roberto Andorno**

**13.45 – 14.30 Talk 4. Equality in International Law**  
*Prof Dr Britta van Beers*  
Department of Legal Theory, Faculty of Law, Free University of Amsterdam,  
The Netherlands

**14.30 – 15.15 Talk 5. Does a 'life unworthy of life' actually exist in the case of very severe genetic disability?**  
*Dr Pia Matthews*  
Senior Lecturer in the Bioethics Section, Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts,  
St Mary's University, Twickenham, UK

**15.15 – 15.45 Coffee Break**

**15.45 – 16.30 Talk 6. Equality, Heritable Genome Editing and the Expressivist Argument**  
*Dr Calum MacKellar*  
Director of Research, Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, UK

**16.30 - 17.15 Talk 7. How is personal identity perceived in the light of congenital characteristics?**  
*Prof Dr Sandy Sufian*  
Professor, Disability and Human Development, University of Illinois Chicago, USA

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2023

### Chairperson of the Morning Session: Associate Prof Matt James

**9.30 – 10.15** **Talk 8. Could Heritable Genome Editing be used without undermining equality in particular circumstances?**  
*Dr Richard Playford*  
Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion at Leeds Trinity University, UK

**10.15 – 11.00** **9. Equality of Access to Heritable Genome Editing**  
*Dr Trevor Stammers*  
Member of the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, UK

**11.00 – 11.30** **Coffee Break**

**11.30 – 12.15** **Talk10. Heritable Genome Editing and Intergenerational Equality**  
*Prof Dr Vicente Bellver Capella*  
Department of Philosophy and Moral Research, University of Valencia, Spain

**12.15 – 13.15** **Lunch**

### Chairperson of the Afternoon Session: Dr Trevor Stammers

**13.15 – 14.00** **Talk 11. Heritable Genome Editing, Equality, and the Future of Society**  
*Dr Marcy Darnovsky and Dr Kate Hasson*  
Center for Genetics and Society, California, USA

**14.00 – 14.45** **Talk 12. Equality in the decisions to prohibit or permit heritable genome editing**  
*Associate Prof Dr Ben Hurlbut*  
School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, USA

**14.45 – 15.15** **Conclusion and Next steps and Finish**  
*Dr Calum MacKellar and Associate Prof Matt James*