

The 21st Century Body Symposium

Daryll Forde Seminar Room, Bloomsbury Campus
14 Taverton Street, University College London

18th May 2012

9am to 6pm, followed by a drinks reception

Symposium abstract

What does it mean to be human in the 21st Century? Are our perceptions of human identity being recast in the light of new scientific and technological developments? Are there, or should there be limits in what we can or should do to ourselves and our bodies?

This symposium will seek to offer answers to some of these questions and in so doing contribute to the conversation on modern conceptions of human identity and perspectives on the human body.

Topics for the day include: virtual identities; privacy, surveillance and authenticity; post-human bodies; cognitive enhancement; environment and society; fertility and reproduction; artificial intelligence systems; ICT implants and prosthetics; converging technologies; animal-human distinctions; genomics and genetic based therapies; neuroscience and neuropharmacology; nanomedicine and care of the ageing; freedom and dignity; ideas about scientific progress.



Registration

The event is free and everyone is welcome

Lunch on the day will be provided

Register by 10 May 2012 at:

<http://c21body.eventbrite.co.uk>

Travel: www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/contact/location

Website: www.bioethics.ac.uk/news/The-21st-Century-Body-Symposium.php

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