



Analyzing the Societal Dimensions of Synthetic Biology

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Synthetic biology is a rapidly developing new approach to biotechnology. Its main aim is to use engineering principles to create living organisms for human use. Societal implications have been a topic from the start, but major disagreements remain regarding the appropriate frameworks for the assessment and governance of synthetic biology. The aim of this summer school is to critically analyze different approaches to the evaluation of new techno-scientific areas, as exemplified by synthetic biology, with a particular emphasis on conceptual foundations.

The summer school will accept up to 15 young researchers (graduates, Ph.D.-students, post-docs) from all relevant fields of the social and natural sciences and arts. Participants will present and discuss their own work in a genuinely interdisciplinary group of young scientists together with some of the leading experts, including: Michael Bölker, Nediljko Budisa, Ellen-Marie Forsberg, Christian Illies, Rafael Pardo Avellaneda, and Georg Toepfer. The summer school will take place at the Center for Literary and Cultural Research Berlin. It will include an excursion to Nediljko Budisa's laboratory for chemical synthetic biology at TU Berlin and close with a public discussion.

To apply please send an abstract of 400 words or less describing the paper that you would present, and a CV by **10 March 2014** to:

Kristin Hagen, Europäische Akademie GmbH, Wilhelmstr. 56, 53474 Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, Germany; or via e-mail to: kristin.hagen@ea-aw.de.

Successful applicants will be reimbursed for travel and accommodation expenses. Participants will also be expected to submit a manuscript for publication as a book chapter, for which a honorarium of € 300 will be paid.

Organisers:

Kristin Hagen and Margret Engelhard,

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For further information: www.ta-synbio-summer-school.de