

## Ethical Issues in New Biotechnology in Agriculture a Mistra Biotech workshop

This one-day workshop involves invited speakers plus selected submitted papers. We aim at intensive discussions and exchange on current ethical issues in biotechnology between scholars from the fields of e.g. philosophy, agrarian sciences, economics, ethics, political science, and sociology.

### Programme

*September 11, Auditorium Minus, Gustavianum, Uppsala*

9:00 Welcome and intro

9:30 A pragmatist philosopher's reflection on GMOs

Invited speaker: Lisa Heldke, Philosophy, Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota, USA  
- Commentator: Barbro Fröding, KTH

10:20 Coffee

10:50 Freedom of cropping and the good life: moral philosophy and the deep conflict between the organic movement and the biotech industry over cross-contamination

Dane Scott, Mansfield Ethics & Public Affairs Program, University of Montana, Missoula, USA

11:25 Naturalness, and its moral relevance

Jan Deckers, Bioethics, Newcastle University, UK

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Conceptual framework for ex-ante evaluation at the micro/macro level of GM crops with health benefits. An application to folate biofortified rice in China.

Invited speaker: Hans De Steur, Agricultural Economics, Ghent University, Belgium  
- Commentator: Ashkan Pakseresht, SLU

13:50 Agricultural biotechnology, ethics, and governance: reflecting on EFSA's public consultations on risk assessment for GM animals

Sarah Hartley & Kate Millar, Applied Bioethics, University of Nottingham, UK

14:25 Coffee

14:45 Is genetically modified food unnatural?

Invited speaker: Helena Siipi, Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland  
- Commentator: Payam Moula, KTH

15.45 End of workshop

Please find more information about the speakers, the venue, and registration at

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