



**Biotechnology and
Biological Sciences
Research Council**

Thematic Research Training 2020-2021

Rules of Life group

Session 1: Biotechnology for our future world(s)

Online (via Zoom), 14 January, 10:00-16:00

Join via Zoom: <https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/81498716384> (please do not circulate)

Session description:

This session will involve the chance to debate controversial topics about the biotechnology of our future, exploring the logistics and ethics of patenting human genes, treating ageing and expanding longevity, creating synthetic life forms, using CRISPR in humans and growing organs.

In order to optimise the benefits of this event, you are advised to join via a laptop or desktop and for you to download the ZOOM app. Please click the link in advance of 9:45am so that we can begin promptly at 10 am.

Session Schedule:

| Times | Sessions |
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| 09:45-10:00 | <i>Set up and Registration</i> |
| 10:00-10:15 | Welcome & Opening |
| 10:15-11:15 | Keynote talk and discussion |
| 11:15-11:30 | <i>Screen coffee break</i> |
| 11:30-12:45 | Debate Session: 'Should we treat ageing?' & 'Should human genes be patented?' |
| 12:45-13:30 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:30-14:00 | Informal Quiz |
| 14:00-15:30 | Balloon Debate: Biotech in colonising Mars |
| 15:30-15:40 | Closing remarks |

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