

***Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law  
Workshop for doctoral students and young researchers  
September 3-5 2009, Reykjavík, Iceland***

***Workshop theme:  
Human Rights Approaches to Research in Biomedical Law***

The Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law<sup>1</sup> is organising its third workshop for Nordic doctoral students. This workshop will also be open to Nordic researchers who have recently completed their doctoral degrees. The workshop will be held 3-5 September 2009, at the Reykjavík University School of Law with the participation of two distinguished guest speakers who are invited to share their knowledge and experience with workshop participants.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss methodological and theoretical issues in the field of biomedical law and to give doctoral students the possibility to present and discuss their own projects. The network definition of the term “biomedical law” is wide, incorporating all topics traditionally pertaining to medical law, health care law and health law. In order to facilitate in depth reflections and discussions the number of participants is limited to 15. The methodological and theoretical theme of the third workshop will focus on “Human Rights Approaches to Research in Biomedical law”.

The Network has been granted funding from Nordforsk. Thus, it is possible to cover participants’ costs for travel (economy class), accommodation and meals during the workshop. Participants can make their own travel arrangements or ask the organisers to do so. Accommodation is arranged by the organisers. Please note that to be able to participate during the full length of the workshop, participants generally must allow two extra days for travel.

Please register before 20 June 2009 by e-mail to [johanna@ru.is](mailto:johanna@ru.is), who will also assist with practical arrangements. When registering please also list the title of your Ph.D project or the theme of your current research.

We look forward to welcoming you in Iceland!

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<sup>1</sup> The aim of the Nordic Network for Research in Biomedical Law is to provide an opportunity for Nordic researchers in the field biomedical law to exchange information and discuss legislative developments and interesting areas of research, thereby stimulating different forms of increased Nordic cooperation in research and doctoral studies in biomedical law. The network was founded at the first Nordic Medical Law Meeting in Uppsala, March 31 – April 2, 2006. From 1 October 2007 and three years onwards, the network has been granted funding from NordForsk. The network is coordinated by the Law Faculty of Uppsala University, with Professor Elisabeth Rynning as project leader. There is also a management group with representatives from the other Nordic countries. Membership in the network is open to all Nordic researchers, teachers and research students in the field of biomedical law. The network definition of the term “biomedical law” is wide, incorporating all topics traditionally pertaining to medical law, health care law and health law.

# Programme

## Thursday 3 September 2009

08:30 – 09:00

Opening of the workshop, introduction of speakers and participants.

09:00 – 10:00

*Distinguished guest speaker:*

Vilhjálmur Árnason, professor, Chair of the Centre for Ethics, University of Iceland and member of the Nordic Committee on Bioethics.

Theme: "Approaches in applied ethics and the interrelationships between morals, normative ethics and law in the field of biomedicine as an interdisciplinary field."

10:00-10:30

Coffee break

10:30 – 13:00

Discussions, with the participation of professor Vilhjálmur Árnason.

To facilitate discussions each participant must in advance issue ½ - 1 page of their reflections on the intersection of ethics and law in their own research projects (if any). Participants will give a short presentation of their reflections, followed by a discussion of the issues arising.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Discussions continued + coffee break.

19:00

Dinner in the city centre.

## Friday 4 September 2009

09:30 – 10:30

*Distinguished guest speaker:*

Henriette Roscam Abbing, Professor Emeritus of Health Law, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Theme: "A human rights approach in biomedical (health) law research: regulating biomedical research as a case."

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30

Discussions, with the participation of professor Henriette Roscam Abbing.

To facilitate discussions each participant must in advance issue ½ - 1 page of their reflections on the role human rights norms play in their own research projects (if any). Participants will give a short presentation of their reflections, followed by a discussion of the issues arising.

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 16:00

Discussions continued + coffee break.

19:00

Dinner in the city centre.

### **Saturday 5 September 2009**

All day (with coffee and lunch breaks):

In depth presentations and discussions of participants' projects as a whole. The presentation and discussion of each project will be given ca. 45 minutes. The workshop will close with a discussion of the lessons learned during the workshop and plans for future workshops.