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General

Budinger, Thomas F. and Miriam D. Budinger. 2006. Ethics of emerging technologies: Scientific facts and moral challenges. Hoboken, N.J. : John Wiley & Sons.

Discusses ethical issues raised by emerging technologies such as assisted reproductive technologies, enhancement technologies, information technology, and issues raised in the fields of business, the environment, and scientific research

ethics as a whole.

Coeckelbergh, Mark. [Human Being @ Risk](#). Enhancement, Technology, and the Evaluation of Vulnerability Transformations Series: Philosophy of Engineering and Technology, Vol. 12. 2013, XIV, 218 p.

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Moor, James H. 2004. Why we need better ethics for emerging technologies. Ethics and Information Technology, 7(3): 111-119.

The author discusses the three stages of technological revolutions, the introduction stage, the permeation stage, and the power stage. He then goes on to propose a hypothesis that ethical problems increase as technological revolutions progress toward and into the power stage, and discusses how we need a better ethical response to cope with these ethical issues.

National Academy of Engineering. 2004. [Emerging technologies and ethical issues in engineering: Papers from a workshop](#). Washington D.C.: National Academies Press.

Collection of papers from a workshop held in 2003 that brought together engineers and ethicists to discuss the responsible development of new technologies. Papers focus on the ethical issues presented in four main areas - sustainability, nanotechnology, neurotechnology, and energy.

Winston, Morton, and Ralph Edelbach (eds). 2003. Society, ethics, and technology. Belmont, C.A.: Thompson/Wadsworth.

A collection of essays discussing philosophical perspectives on emerging technologies in the areas of computers, robotics, information technology, biotechnology and genetic engineering, the environment, and emerging technologies and human rights.

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Biotechnology

Baille, Harold W. and Timothy K. Casey. 2005. Is human nature obsolete?: Genetics, bioengineering, and the future of the human condition. Cambridge, M.A.: MIT Press.

Beyond therapy: Biotechnology and the pursuit of happiness. 2006. United States: President's Council on Bioethics.

This report, commissioned by the U.S. President's Council of Bioethics, explores the moral propriety of using biotechnologies such as genetic engineering, stem cell research, not simply to cure diseases, but also to enhance the lives of the healthy and to perfect man's body and prolong his life.

[Bioethics Research Library at Georgetown University](#)

This is the best source for anyone interested in looking at the field of bioethics, including the ethics of emerging medical technologies. Allows you to search a wide range of databases covering journal articles, books, and conference proceedings.

[Borenstein, Jason. 2009. The wisdom of caution: Genetic enhancement and future children. Science and Engineering Ethics. 15\(4\): 517-530.](#)

Brody, Baruch A. 2007. Intellectual property and biotechnology: The European debate. Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal. 69-110.

Carter, Adrian, Parry Bartlett, and Wayne, Hall. 2009. Scare-mongering and the anticipatory ethics of experimental technologies. American Journal of Bioethics. 9(5): 47-48.

Examines the potentially adverse consequences of emerging technologies, and the ethics of stem cell-based interventions.

Degrazia, David. 2005. Enhancement technologies and human identity. Journal of Medicine and Philosophy. 30(3): 261-283.

Derksen, Mechteld-Hanna G. and Klasien Horstman. 2008. Engineering flesh: Towards an ethics of lived integrity. Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy: A European Journal. 11(3): 269-283.

Discusses the ethics of tissue engineering.

Fox, Dov. 2010. Retracing liberalism and remaking nature: Designer children, research embryos, and featherless chickens. *Bioethics*. 24(4): 170-178.

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Griesse, Margaret Ann. 2007. Developing social responsibility: Biotechnology and the case of DuPont in Brazil. *Journal of Business Ethics*. 73(1): 103-118.

After discussing the progressive stages of social responsibility that scholars have outlined as they examine the history of business, the author discusses the activities of the DuPont corporation in Brazil and examines how the debate on genetically modified organisms is unfolding in this region, highlighting the need to develop means for providing open collaborative efforts in evaluating new technologies.

Harmon, Shawn. H.E. 2008. Emerging technologies and developing countries: Stem cell research regulation and Argentina. *Developing World Bioethics*. 8(2): 138-150.

Discusses the ethical concerns raised by biotechnologies such as stem cell research, and the issues raised by attempts to govern this kind of research. The author looks at the regulation of stem cell research in Argentina, and how well this country's regulations deal with these ethical concerns.

Kuzma, Jennifer, Pouya Najmaie, and Joel Larson. 2009. Evaluating oversight systems for emerging technologies: A case study of genetically engineered organisms. *Journal of Law, Medicine, & Ethics*. 37(4): 546-586.

This article reviews the U.S. oversight system for genetically engineered organisms to develop hypotheses and derive lessons for the oversight of other emerging technologies, such as nanotechnology.

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Explores questions about human dignity, human enhancement, and building a regulatory framework for the ethical development of biotechnologies.

Paula, Lino, and Frans Birrer. 2006. Including public perspectives in industrial biotechnology and the biobased economy. Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics. 19(3): 253-267.

Discusses the opposition to genetically modified organisms in Europe, and asks the question, is it ethically justifiability to release large amounts of GM organism into the environment for the purpose of protecting that environment and to sustain the current affluent way of life in that region, especially when little is known about the potential adverse affects GM organisms could have to society and the environment.

Räikkä, Juha. 2009. The ethical and political evaluation of biotechnology strategies. Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy: A European Journal.

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Discusses the role ethical advising bodies should have in decisions made about biotechnology strategies in national and regional government decision-making, especially in the role of promoting public debate that forms the basis for political decision-making.

Streiffer, Robert. 2006. Academic freedom and academic-industry relationships in biotechnology. Kennedy Institute of Ethics. 16(2): 129-149.

Examines the widespread development of commercial academic-industry relationships in the field of biotechnology, the restrictions often placed on academic research in these relationships, and their effect on academic freedom.

Wickins, Jeremy. 2007. The ethics of biometrics: the risk of social exclusion from the widespread use of electric identification. Science and Engineering Ethics. 13(1): 45-54.

Discusses the ways in which social exclusion might arise from the use of biometrics data in application such as identity cards, and introduces a model of balancing individual interests with which to analyze whether it is justified to run the risk of excluding some members of society for the benefit of others.

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Brain Implants

Berg, Abby. Alice Herb, and Marsha Hurst. 2005. Cochlear implants in children: Ethics, informed consent, and parental decision making. Journal of Clinical Ethics 16(3): 239-250.

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Discusses the current use of implant technologies in diminishing the effects of certain neural illnesses and the possibilities – and ethical aspects – of the potential for using these implant technologies to link the human nervous system bi-directionally with the internet.

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Geoengineering

Caldeira, Ken and David W. Keith 2010. The need for climate engineering research. Issues in Science and Technology Studies. 27(1):57-52.

The authors argue that geoengineering may be the only affordable and fast-acting solution to mitigate climate change. Though for the moment, the risk of catastrophic damage is slight, a day may come in the near future where the risk is sufficient that we will need to intervene in the earth's climate system on a grand scale. Research must be done sooner rather than later to see what kind of

geoengineering options exist, and which of these options will cause the least amount of harm to people and the environment.

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Keith, David W. 2000. Geoengineering the climate: History and prospect. Annual Review of Energy & the Environment. 25(1): 245.

This 40-page review discusses the concept of geoengineering as the intentional large-scale manipulation of the environment, particularly manipulation that is intended to reduce undesired anthropogenic climate change. The author discusses the roots of the problem, recent developments in the field, and the ethical, economic, societal, and environmental questions that geoengineering raises.

Ralston, Shane. 2009. Engineering an artful and ethical solution to the problem of global warming. Review of Policy Research 26(6): 821-837.

Discusses some proposed geoengineering projects that are aimed and helping to solve the problem of climate change, and discusses six ethical quandaries that emerge in global climate change debates and how they complicate any attempts to ameliorate or resolve the problem.

Royal Society. 2009. Geoengineering the climate: science, governance and uncertainty. London: The Royal Society.

This study, led by twelve leading academics in the fields of science, economics and the social sciences, looks at the range of geoengineering techniques currently available for large-scale manipulation of the planetary environment to counteract anthropogenic climate change. It looks at the potential efficacy and risks attached to each technique, and draws conclusions on where geoengineering should fit into a wider, international plan for reducing the effects of global warming.

Verlaan, Philomene. 2009. Geo-engineering, the law of the sea, and climate change. Carbon & Climate Law Review. 3(4): 446-458.

Author argues that geo-engineering project proposals should receive detailed, precautionary scrutiny by the international community, and argues that geo-engineering projects must satisfy a suite of mandatory international legal requirements that are dedicated to protect and preserve the marine environment, or they cannot legally proceed.

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Nanotechnology

NanoEthicsBank <http://ethics.iit.edu/NanoEthicsBank>

A database of journal articles, reports, and guidelines looking at the societal and ethical implications of nanotechnology. Developed by the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions, Illinois Institute of Technology

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