

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act: *a retrospective*

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9am-5pm followed by a drinks reception
Organised by the ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum

The 2008 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act was a landmark in national scientific decision-making, covering emotive and controversial issues such as the creation of human admixed embryos and 'saviour siblings'.

Five months on from the passage of the bill, and with contributions from leading figures in the worlds of science, policy, ethics and the media, this 'retrospective' workshop will examine the nature of the public debate leading up to the Act, and how this debate influenced the policy-making process.

This event is free and open to anyone with an interest in UK science policy and regulation. Advance registration is required as places are limited. Please RSVP to:

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Programme

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome and housekeeping
- 9.45 **Steps Toward an Act**
Dr Katy Berry, *Department of Health*
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 **Democracy in Practice**
Phil Willis MP, *Chair of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Select Committee*
Professor Phil Cowley, *University of Nottingham*
Sarah Norcross, *Progress Educational Trust*
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 **Coalitions, Campaigns and Turning-Points**
Dr Stephen Minger, *King's College London*
Fiona Fox, *Science Media Centre*
Dr Calum MacKellar, *Scottish Council on Human Bioethics*
- 3.00 Coffee
- 3.30 **Social Science Perspectives**
Dr Joan Haran, *Cardiff University*
Dr Nik Brown, *University of York*
- 4.45 Closing remarks
- 5.00 Close and drinks