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ΤΟΥ

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με θέμα

The New Politics of Biotechnology

The lecture will discuss some of the most important political debates and controversies in relation to biotechnology. These contentious issues will be presented in a broad historical perspective, as part of a major shift in knowledge production - from science to "technoscience" - as well as more recent processes of product development and technological innovation. In particular the new politics of biotechnology will be discussed in relation to the fact that genetically modified products, both in the health and food industries, have during the past decade begun to reach the commercial marketplace.

As such, there has thus been a change in political agenda, both on the part of the promoters, or proponents of biotechnology, as well as on the part of their various critics and opponents. There has been a discursive shift, from a concern with direct risks and dangers to a more general ethical or moral concern. There has also been a change in terms of the actors involved in the political debates about biotechnology, as consumer organizations and religious organizations have joined environmental organizations in criticizing the ways in which the products are being marketed, or more generally "appropriated" into our societies.

The lecture will draw on research that has been carried out within the EU-project, Analysing Public Accountability Procedures in Europe, as well as the Danish project, Biotechnology and NGOs.

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