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# The Moral Status of Science Policy: Lessons from the Stem Cell Wars

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Lois Pope Life Center 7th Floor Apex Center, Medical Campus

—————> Lunch will be provided <—————  
(No RSVPs required)

**Congress has been unable to pass a single piece of legislation dealing with stem cell research – even one that enjoys near unanimous support in the US and abroad: banning of reproductive cloning. Why is this? It is in part because the research touches on sensitive moral issues. But this is more than a debate about the moral status of embryos. At its core, it is a debate about the proper role of science in society and how the White House and Congress acquire and use science advice when making science policy.**

Dr. Meslin was the Executive Director of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission under President Clinton. He now directs the Indiana University Center for Bioethics and is Assistant Dean for Bioethics at the IU School of Medicine.

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