



DIALOGUE 171

The Moral Status of Embryos: Implications for European Law

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The moral status of the human embryo is central to past and contemporary debate on the ethics of cloning, embryo research, stem cell research, genetic engineering and other leading research and therapy issues. A basic problem in the debate on the moral status of the embryo is that it lacks a coherent translation to the law. This presentation will illustrate a European approach to this challenge by comparing the moral status of human embryos with the currently changing attitude towards the moral status of certain animal embryos and its implications.

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