



As project partners in the WP 3, the Department of Medical Ethics and the History of Medicine, University of Freiburg, Germany, and the Department of Philosophy, Université Paris I, France, jointly host a closed workshop **“Redesigning Synthetic Biology – Towards a Constructive Critique of a Technoscience”** **July 2-3, 2015, Freiburg, Germany** on societal perspectives on synthetic biology.

The workshop brings together scholars from the humanities and the social sciences who have taken a stance on synthetic biology. The focus of the workshop is on three main issues:

**1. Synbio Diversity** *What are the forces and ideas propelling synthetic biology? Does it make sense to think of synthetic biology as a unity? What disciplinary and epistemic diversities can be discerned? From a normative point of view, is diversity with regard to research approaches and disciplines valuable?*

**2. Synbio Bioethics** *What role does bioethics play in between synthetic biology research and public and political perceptions of the field? What role should it play?*

**3. Synbio Futures** *What is “Responsible Research and Innovation” and what should it be in the case of synthetic biology? Does it appear possible and desirable to critically and positively influence synthetic biology’s further development?*

In addition, the workshop will be followed by a performance and lecture weekend at Freiburg theatre on synthetic biology. Students of, among other subjects, philosophy, social and political sciences, and biology present and discuss the results of a 4 month process of intellectually and artistically engaging themselves with synthetic biology.