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Conference Venue

Schloss Engers
Alte Schloßstraße 2

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Accommodation

Please book your room (69,- € for a single room incl. breakfast) directly at:

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How to find Schloss Engers:



By car:

Take the Motorway 61 up to the Motorway intersection Koblenz, exit Motorway 48 to head for Frankfurt-Koblenz, exit (immediately after the Rhine-bridge) Interstate Road B42 to head for Bendorf-Neuwied, exit Neuwied-Engers, then straight ahead under the railway line up to the traffic lights, with view to the castle turn left into Bendorfer Straße, then turn right into Jakobstraße (2nd street), parking facilities are at the Martin's Church. From there walk through Martinkirchenstraße to Schloss Engers.

By train:

Take the IC/EC or Regional-Express to Koblenz and change for the train to Engers. From Engers station go left to head for the crossing, at the crossing turn left again through the subway, then go straight ahead. Schloss Engers is within 10 minutes walking distance.

By plane:

There is a train connection (hourly) from Frankfurt/Main Airport to Engers via Koblenz (change the train in Koblenz). From Engers station please follow the above description.

Autumn Conference Human Nature and the Sciences.

Current Challenges in a Franco-German Perspective

17 – 19 September 2003

Schloss Engers – Neuwied-Engers

Human Nature and the Sciences. Current Challenges in a Franco-German Perspective

Recent developments in the natural sciences and in medicine are afflicted with moral problems that are controversially debated in science, politics and the public. The seriousness with which these problems are discussed is to a large extent due to the fact that apparent constants of the *condition humaine* were put under heavy pressure: Longstanding convictions such as "freedom of the will", inaccessibility of our genetic makeup for intentional changes, or the moral preference for a natural, un-influenced death process seem no longer to be self-understanding and beyond critique. What is at stake in the eyes of many is not just some minor changes to our way of life. Rather the very core of *human nature* seems to be jeopardized. The Europäische Akademie takes the intense debate on the neurosciences, the "new" genetics, and on euthanasia as an occasion to discuss the question of human nature in the light of the modern sciences.

The conference will bring together scholars from France and Germany. The reason for this is twofold: On the one hand, there is evidence that the conceptualisation of human nature and its moral evaluation are considerably different in the two countries. On the other hand, cross-border cooperation in evaluating new technologies with respect to their impact on society is regrettably less well developed than cooperation in basic research. Therefore, it is hoped that the conference will contribute to improving the scientific exchange between our two countries.

The proceedings of the conference will be published as a volume of the series "Wissenschaftsethik und Technikfolgenbeurteilung" (Ethics of Science and Technology Assessment) edited by the Europäische Akademie.

Programme

Wednesday 17 September 2003

from 17:00	Registration
19:30	Reception
ca. 20:00	Concert

Thursday 18 September 2003

Session I: Human Nature & Neurosciences

9:00	Welcome Introduction (<i>C. Debru/P. Meyer/F. Thiele</i>)
9:30 – 10:30	Talk 1: <i>M. Imbert</i> Université Paris VI
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Talk 2: <i>P. Janich</i> Universität Marburg
12:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Session II: Human Nature & End-of-Life-Decisions

15:00 – 16:00	Talk 1: <i>P. la Marne</i> Université Paris XII
16:00 – 16.30	<i>Break</i>
16:30 – 17:00	Talk 2: <i>M. Quante</i> Humboldt-Universität Berlin

Evening Programme
Dinner

Programme

Friday 19 September 2003

Session III: Human Nature & New Genetics

9:00 – 10:00	Talk 1: <i>A. Munnich</i> Université Paris V
10:00 – 11:00	Talk 2: <i>C.F. Gethmann</i> Europäische Akademie Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Talk 3: <i>C. Debru</i> École Normale Supérieure Paris

Snack
End of Conference

Organising Committee

- Claude Debru, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
- Philippe Meyer, Université Paris V & MDC, Berlin
- Felix Thiele, Europäische Akademie,
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