



UPCOMING WORKSHOP, at the faculty of Medicine of Toulouse, from June 1st to June 2nd 2015.

Title : Questioning research in epigenetics: a multidisciplinary approach / Questionner la recherche en épigénétique: Une approche multidisciplinaire

Presentation : The aim of this workshop is to foster a discussion between researchers from different disciplines to examine how links between social and biological factors not only renew our scientific understanding of environmental influences on human beings but also challenge modalities of public health intervention. These issues also bear normative implications as they question our notions of justice, responsibility and autonomy. Providing a platform for discussion for the various disciplines and actors concerned with epigenetic research has become urgent in order to explore practices and frameworks of epigenetics, examine specificities of the field and determine adequate orientations for a proper debate concerning their implications.

Considering our emphasis on interdisciplinarity, the workshop will have a special focus on environmental epigenetics - which explores, at the molecular level, interconnection between organisms and their milieu (both physical and social) and therefore articulates not only with many scientific fields (from biological disciplines to social ones) but also with policy making.

The workshop proposal originates from a multidisciplinary project funded by the French National Agency for Research (ANR) (PI: C. Delpierre, INSERM 1027). The project, which explores how the early life environment modifies biological processes (in particular epigenetics) leading to pathologies later in life, highlights issues with many important ethical, legal and social implications through a dedicated ELSI work package (coord. by E. Rial-Sebbag). The goal is to reflect on prudent ways to bring about an appropriate debate on findings issued from environmental epigenetics.

Practical information :

- For practical reasons, the inscription is free but mandatory. If you are interested, Please contact Alex: alexandra.soulier@gmail.com
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- Schedule:
 - o 1st June: 14h00 - 18h00
 - o 2nd June: 9h00 - 18h00