



the Ethics Centre of South Australia



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Invite you to a seminar -

ETHICS & NANOTECHNOLOGY AT THE INTERFACE

Guest presenter – Professor John Weckert

Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics

3-5pm, Friday 12 December, 2008

Bradley Forum, Hawke Building,
City West Campus

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In 1994 a group of scientists joined forces here in Adelaide to help solve problems in industry and society. They wanted to provide an environment that was conducive to groundbreaking scientific research and thereby improve existing processes in industry as well as produce new technologies. This endeavour became The Ian Wark Research Institute or The Wark™. Today The Wark has grown significantly in capacity, complexity and status but it remains distinctive because of this founding spirit of collaborative endeavour.

The Wark has aimed over the years to break down the boundaries between pure and applied research, between the university and industry, between the multiple scientific disciplines.

The Ethics Centre of South Australia was established in 2005 to further research into ethics generally, to set up an educational program in ethics and to provide Adelaide with a forum where ethical issues could be openly debated.

Towards the end of 2007 Professor John Weckert, Charles Sturt University, was appointed a joint Visiting Research Fellow in Ethics by the Ethics Centre and The Wark. Since then he has conducted interviews with key Wark researchers and has observed their research processes in action. He is now ready to provide a Report detailing his appraisal of the ethics of the Wark's research procedures vis-à-vis Adelaide society.

This seminar, Ethics and Nanotechnology at the Interface, will give the opportunity for two Wark scientists to speak about some of the cutting-edge research presently being conducted in their Institute and for John Weckert to deliver his Report.

This Seminar will give a rare insight into the practice of international scientific research as well as a candid ethical evaluation of what is taking place when research confronts the public.

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