

Center for Ethics and Law in Biomedicine (CELAB)

**From Trash to Gold?
Contemporary Ethical Challenges to the Use of Human Tissues and Organs
in Biotechnology**

March 21 – March 25 2011

We invite applications of faculty members or scholars who intend to develop courses on so called ELSI implications of biobanks, stem cell research or in the field of organ transplantation. The Sessions will address the issues of ethical and legal challenges to biobanks, stem cell research and organ transplantation. Additionally, the sessions will explore intellectual property issues of the stem cell research, the problems of how to regulate contemporary biotechnologies, with special focus on stem cell research and organ transplantation. What is the role of the methods of social sciences in the field of legal research? Is it possible to reconcile regulation with the legal prohibition of financial gain and the increasingly developing biotechnology market? In exploring these questions we will address the questions of the status of the human tissues and body parts, ethical and wider socio-economic questions in the use of cells, tissues, organs of human origin in the field of new technologies.

Note: applicants are required to send a one page long essay describing the major ethical and legal issues of biotechnology relevant in their countries.