



## John Harris

John Harris was educated at the University of Kent and at Balliol College, Oxford and is married and has a twenty-year-old son.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 John Harris was appointed as the joint Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Medical Ethics*, the leading journal in medical and applied ethics. John Harris was elected a Fellow of the United Kingdom *Academy of Medical Sciences* (FMedSci) in 2001, the first philosopher to have been elected to Fellowship of this new National Academy, which was established to serve “the medical sciences in the same way as the Royal Society serves the natural sciences (and) the British Academy serves the humanities”. He was elected a Fellow of *The Royal Society of Arts* in 2006. He was one of the Founder Directors of the International Association of Bioethics and is a founder member of the Board of the Journal *Bioethics* and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* and many other journals. He frequently appears on radio and television both in the United Kingdom and overseas to discuss Biomedical Ethics, Medical Jurisprudence and related issues. He has acted as Ethical Consultant to national and international bodies and corporations including the *European Parliament*, *The World Health Organisation*, *The European Commission*, *The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)*, *The United Kingdom Department of Health*, *The Health Council of the Netherlands*, *The Research Council of Norway*, *The Welsh Office Of The United Kingdom*, *The British Fluoridation Society*, *Granada Television* and currently advises *Virgin Health Bank* and *GlaxoSmithkline*. He is the founder and a General Editor of a major series of books for *Oxford University Press* entitled *Issues in Biomedical Ethics*.

John Harris has served on many advisory bodies, he has been a member of the United Kingdom *Human Genetics Commission* since its foundation in 1999, and is a member of *The Ethics Committee of the British Medical Association* and a member of *The Committee on Ethical Aspects of Pandemic Influenza*. He was formerly a member of the *Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing* and was a member of *The Working Group of the Academy of Medical Science*, *The Medical Research Council*, *The Royal Society* and *The Wellcome Trust on the use of non-human primates in research* 2006 and of the *Working Group of the Academy of Medical Sciences on Interspecies Embryos* 2007.

In 1986 John Harris jointly founded The Centre for Social Ethics and Policy of the University of Manchester. CSEP has now established itself as one of the leading

centres of biomedical ethics and law in Europe with major funding from the European Commission and participation in a number of projects throughout the European Union. CSEP initiated the innovative taught Master's Degree programme in Health Care Ethics which admitted its first students in 1987. It was one of the first and is one of the most successful and comprehensively interdisciplinary of such programmes in Europe, attracting around forty students annually and recruiting internationally. CSEP pioneered the *Intercalated BSC in Health care Ethics and Law*, which was the first of such courses to open in the United Kingdom. In 1996 the new *Institute of Medicine, Law and Bioethics* was launched by the Universities of Manchester and Liverpool with the support of the North West Region Health Authority. John Harris was one of its architects and is one of the founder directors. IMLAB was designated a "Marie Curie Training Site" by the European Commission in 2000, confirming its international reputation for the excellence of its research and teaching.

In October 2007 The University of Manchester announced the establishment of a major new Institute, *The Institute For Science, Ethics and Innovation*. John Harris is Director of this new Institute which is Chaired by Sir John Sulston FRS, (Nobel Laureate 2002).

In 1994 John Harris was elected a member of the Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences and was awarded the Medal of the University of Helsinki in 1995. He was a member of the United Kingdom Government Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing from its inception in 1996 until its closure in 1999. In the same period he chaired a major working party on "Values and Attitudes on Ageing" for the internationally known charity *Age Concern* as part of their new initiative "The Millennium Papers".

John Harris has directed six major projects for the European Commission. Two of these projects, both under the general title: "AIDS: Ethics, Justice and European Policy" involved 34 groups from 14 countries. These projects were funded at 448,700ECU (approximately £378,000). From April 1996 to September 1999 the European Commission (DGXII) supported project entitled *Communicable Diseases, Lifestyles and Personal Responsibility: Ethics & Policy* was funded at 500K ECU (then £416,600). A major project for the European Commission (Directorate General Research) entitled "EUROSTEM" investigated and monitored ethics and policy issues surrounding the progress of human stem cell research. This award of € 747000.00 funds the project for three years from 2001. In February 2004 a new project "EURECA" began under the European Commission Directorate General for Research (FP6). This project is funded at €700,000.00 and analyses the nature and ethical parameters of scientific research.