

## **Better bodies for the best life? Anthropological and ethical aspects of the human enhancement debate**

Modern medical technology is not only directed towards the therapeutic benefit of sick individuals; especially reproductive medicine, gene technology, and neurosciences are also concerned with the improvement of bodily and mentally functions, features of single individual or even of human kind. Thereby, it is not always clear what actually 'improvement' means for the experience and for the life of an individual. This paper argues that a future ethics must address questions about the preconditions and consequences of medical and technical interventions for the particular individual, for society, for the meaning of life, and for the condition of the world.