



# The Ethics of Cloning (HUMT1511)

## Introduction

The word 'technology' comes from a Greek word that means 'art' or 'craft'. So, in a sense, technology is almost everywhere we look, since we are surrounded by things produced by art or craft. If at night we enjoy looking at the stars, but we have to do so through glasses to correct nearsightedness, then our enjoyment of something purely natural includes a technological factor. In general, it seems that anything human beings do that is not natural involves us in some way with technology<sup>1</sup>.

Through a difficult process, scientists have already cloned sheep and are attempting to clone human. Must people find cloning of human despicable? If there are genetically engineered clones raised to be organ donors, should genetic manipulation be permitted?

Cloning is only one of the tough moral issues currently facing us. Will we know what to do if science and technology threaten morality and move beyond our control? Will the advantages of technology outweigh the disadvantages? Let's think and join this intriguing exploration of morality, technology and humanity to find out the answers!

## Programme Type

Humanities Talk ([Non Token-required](#)) (Elective Programme)

## Speaker

Mr. YEUNG Chun Keung is a graduate of Lingnan University (Master of Arts in Practical Philosophy) and Hong Kong Institute of Education. He is a part-time tutor of Open University of Hong Kong (Chinese Ancient Philosophy) and he was a secondary teacher (major in Chinese, and liberal studies) from 1996 to 2012. Mr. Yeung taught "The Wisdom of Zhuangzi's Parables" and "Playing with Logic Concepts" in The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education in 2013 and 2014. He is now doing a PhD about Chinese philosophy in Pre-Qin Period at New Asia Institute of Advanced Chinese Studies.

## Facilitator

Ms Gloria YEUNG, Master of Arts in Practical Philosophy (Distinction), Lingnan University

## Target

➤ P4 – S2 HKAGE student members

➤ Class size: 50

\* *First-come, first-served*

## Participants



## Language



Cantonese with Chinese PowerPoint and/or handouts

## Application Deadline **28 July, 2014**

## Schedule



Date	1 August 2014 (Friday)
Time	11:00am – 12:30 pm (Please arrive at 10:45am for registration)
Venue	Room 105, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

## Enquiries



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<sup>1</sup> Quoted from David White, *Philosophy For Kids*, p.34