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Session 12: "At the Service of Justice"-

A view on Science and its changing relationship with Law and Justice

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The focus on the relationship between science and justice is not new, though it was primarily done from the vantage point of instrumentality, of 'serving the cause of justice'. This was especially so in the case of Criminal Justice, where the development of forensic science, and developments in bio- and medical technologies is always seen as instrumentalities of justice. While this trend continues even today, recent research, both in Science Technology Studies (STS) as well as Law and Human Rights, has begun to highlight deeper concerns about the impact of scientific advancements on the human subject and subjectivity. This discussion aims to present some key issues in both the debates as a way of beginning a conversation on the changing relationship between science and justice.

Suggested readings:

1. UNESCO, Universal Declaration on Biomedical Ethics and Human Rights, 2006.
2. Katherine Hayles, "Liberal Subjectivity Imperilled: Norbert Wiener and Cybernetic Anxiety", from *How We Became Posthuman : Virtual Bodies in Cybernetics, Literature, and Informatics* (1999).

Saturday, 25th October, 2 pm

New CCS Seminar Hall, IISc

(Formerly TIFR Mathematics building)

Tea/Coffee and Snacks at about 3:30 pm

All are cordially invited

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