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Nils Hoppe is professor of 'Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences' at Leibniz Universität Hannover (LUH). His research focuses on cross-border legal issues in life sciences, and on ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of regenerative medicine, human biomaterials, genetics and genomics, animal experimentation.



“Revisiting embryo protection: A critical examination of restrictive norms”

The increasing role played by embryos as extracorporeal artefacts (for example in research, or in assisted reproduction) has meant that legislators and regulators have had to develop frameworks for their use. These frameworks have tried to address the varying weight given to an embryo's moral status in their respective jurisdictions (and the underlying cultures), leading to a web of uncoordinated norms and approaches that sit ill at ease with overarching supranational regulatory approaches, and are sometimes not effectively aligned with biomedical reality. In this talk I will explore how different regulators have approached this issue, and what the (possibly unintended) side effects have been in different jurisdictions.”