



Communication and Marketing Department
Isebe loThungelwano neNtengiso
Kommunikasie en Bemerkingsdepartement

Private Bag X3, Rondebosch 7701, South Africa
Welgelegen House, Chapel Road Extension, Rosebank, Cape Town
Tel: +27 (0) 21 650 5427/5428/5674 Fax: +27 (0) 21 650 5628

www.uct.ac.za

20 February 2020

Invite: Are we ready for genetically modified humans?

UCT hosts Jamie Metzl, author of the book “Hacking Darwin”

24 February 2020 | 18:00 for 18:30 | Groote Schuur Hospital Lecture Theatre 2

In recent years researchers have been working hard to develop faster, cheaper, and more precise ways to remove, add or modify genes in living organisms. They now can change our human genome – not only in people who are alive, but also in those who are yet to be born. Gene editing technologies raise profound questions about what it means to be human, and the extent to which we want to push the boundaries towards enhancement.

University of Cape Town (UCT) Associate Professor Jantina de Vries in collaboration with the UCT Department of Medicine and the UCT Internal Medicine Society will host an event titled “Are we ready for genetically modified humans?”

The main speaker is Jamie Metzl, author of the book “Hacking Darwin”, followed by Professor Ntobeko Ntusi who will share a perspective on the relevance of genome editing technologies to South Africa.

For enquiries and to RSVP please email: Lebogang Montewa at lebogang.montewa@uct.ac.za.

ENDS

Issued by: UCT Communication and Marketing Department

Aamirah Sunday

Media Liaison and Monitoring Officer
Communication and Marketing Department
University of Cape Town
Rondebosch
Tel: (021) 650 5427
Cell: (076) 947 6071

Email: aamirah.sunday@uct.ac.za

Website: www.uct.ac.za