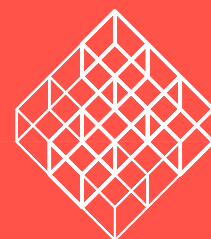


Invitation to open meeting:

Better brains – time for cognitive enhancement?



When: October 29th 2009 12.30-16.00 p.m.

Where: Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi, Drammensveien 78, Oslo (see [map](#))

Brain research opens new opportunities for interventions. Drugs that are claimed to improve your brain are here. Why not use them? Should we encourage cures for everything from unhappiness to poor performance?

12.30 Welcome address

Deborah Oughton, NENT and Camilla Schreiner, Tehnologirådet

12.40 Towards cognitive enhancement for healthy adults

John Harris, Professor of Bioethics, University of Manchester

13.20 What do we know that allows us to interfere? And what don't we know that forbids us?

Steven Rose, Emeritus Professor of Biology and Neurobiology, Open University, Milton Keynes

14.00 Break and refreshments

14.30 Comments and reflections

Holger Ursin, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Bergen

14.45 Conversation with the audience

Moderator: Matthias Kaiser, NENT

Keynote speakers:

John Harris takes a consequentialist approach to bioethics. This has made him a leading defender of the rights of the individual to take choices over medical services and technologies. His contributions in *Nature* and the *BMJ* raised the debate over cognitive enhancement.

Steven Rose's research focuses on the neurobiology of learning and memory, as well as treatments for Alzheimer. Acclaimed author of several books, including "The 21st-century Brain", he argues against reductionism and quick fixes to brain function.

Holger Ursin has contributed strongly to medicine and public debate. His main research interests are stress and subjective health problems, as well as coping strategies and responses.

To attend this open meeting, register at [web](#) or by phone 23 31 83 00 by Oct 22nd 09. The meeting will be in English.

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