



### **CSPO Perspectives**

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### **Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University Website and Newsletter**

The CNS-ASU has launched its new website ([cns.asu.edu](http://cns.asu.edu)) and e-newsletter. To receive news about CNS-ASU activities and other items of interest regarding nanotechnology in society, contact [csn@asu.edu](mailto:csn@asu.edu).

### **Liberating Science from Politics**

Dan Sarewitz explores the fundamental flaws of the notion that science can be used to reconcile political disputes in this article for American Scientists (March-April 2006). Read the article at <http://www.americanscientist.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/49609>.

### **First World Forum on Science and Civilization: Tomorrow's People: The Challenges of Technologies for Life Extension and Enhancement**, March 14-17, 2006, Oxford, UK

This conference, sponsored by the [James Martin Institute for Science and Civilization](http://www.martinstitute.ox.ac.uk) and co-sponsored by CSPO, will take a close look at what some characterize as the next stage of evolution: conscious efforts by human beings to reshape their inherited physical, cognitive and emotional identities by extending lifespan and enhancing human capacities. It will examine the range of technologies offering lives that purport to be longer, stronger, smarter and happier. For more information, see <http://www.martinstitute.ox.ac.uk/JMI/Forum2006/>.

### **Science and Technology in Society**

An International Multidisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, April 22-23, 2006, Washington DC. This annual conference, co-sponsored by AAAS, CSPO, George Mason University, George Washington University and Virginia Tech, provides a forum for graduate students from a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs to present their research on the policy and social studies of science and technology. For more information, see [www.stglobal.org](http://www.stglobal.org).

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