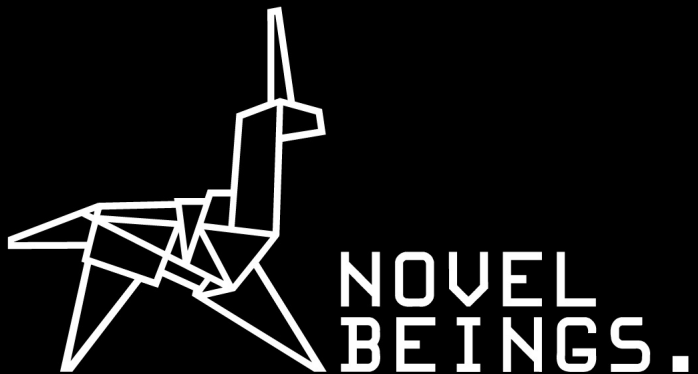


# NOVEL BEINGS NETWORK PANEL

ETHICAL AND REGULATORY CHALLENGES  
FOR EMERGING MORAL STATUS-HOLDING  
TECHNOLOGIES



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# NOVEL BEINGS?

- “new forms of life- ‘novel beings’- with varying levels of true autonomy and cognitive capacity, potentially being recognisable sentience or even sapience.”
- Any novel entity created through artifice and warranting moral status
  - Biotechnological or otherwise!
  - Anything from synthetic animals, bioroids, even an AGI

# NOVEL BEINGS NETWORK

- Ethico-legal challenges posed by emerging technologies liable to create morally significant beings
- Developing responses applicable to emerging and future morally significant technologies
- Three key areas:
  - Ethical problems
  - Jurisprudential issues
  - Practical solutions
- International interdisciplinary network (join us!)
- Special Issue *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics* 2021 30;3- 'Regulating Consciousness: The Challenge of Consciousness in New Forms of Life'
- Edited Collection forthcoming- *Novel Beings: Regulatory Approaches for a Future of New Intelligent Life* Edward Elgar, December 2022
- Website just launched!- [www.novelbeings.co.uk](http://www.novelbeings.co.uk)



# TODAY'S PANEL

- Dr David Lawrence  
Assistant Professor in Biolaw, University of Durham  
*Repugnance, Denial, and Fear: Societal Challenges for Regulation of Novel Beings*
  - Natalie Partridge  
PhD Researcher, Newcastle University  
*“Sooner or later someone will create life in the laboratory”: Reflections on developments in engineering biology and implications for governance*
  - Dr Sarah Morley  
Lecturer, Newcastle University  
*Morally Significant Technology: A Case Against Mere Corporate Self-regulation*
  - Dr Daniel Tigard  
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*Embedded Ethics as Proactive Regulation of Technology*
  - Dr Richard Gibson  
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*Frosty the No-Man? Cryopreservation, Artifice, and Status*
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