Today, advanced biotechnological research opens up a wide range of new options as well as new risks. Both seem to be inseparable. On the one hand, they offer solutions for many complicated medical problems, they have become indispensable for deeper and exact diagnostics, for the development of new drugs and ways of therapy. On the other hand, they manipulate the genetic essence of human beings, they put core conditions of life at stake and seem to lead into an abyss of unpredictable developments. With this ambivalence in mind, the guidelines and limits of life-science, cloning in particular, need to be reconsidered. It is our main intention to initiate this deliberation in the form of a Christian-Islamic dialogue, so that the principal goals of this seminar are threefold:

**Firstly**, the awareness of bio-ethical core-values needs to be enlarged, in Germany as well as in the Islamic world. For many years already, the ethical dimensions of recent developments in biotechnology are among the most debated topics of philosophical, political and theological debate. This is true not only for Christian but for discourses in the Islamic world as well. On either side, responsible people reconsider core questions about future conditions of human life. What is it that gives life a human dignity? Isn’t it exclusively in the hands of God? How far can we allow to put human life, its beginning or even its end into the hands of men? What are the premises of bio-ethics?

**Secondly**, the international debate about a world-wide ban on cloning demands the formation of new strategic alliances. Are there common ways of how to make the best possible use of new bio-technical options without running into unpredictable risks for the human being? The fact, that life-science has become international and bio-technical know-how is available globally requires minimum international standards of related ethics and law. To us, a dialogue about the predicaments of bio-ethics promises to enlarge the scope of international cooperation and of inter-religious understanding which the Konrad Adenauer Foundation tries to promote.

**Thirdly**, Christian-Islamic dialogue needs to be focused on specific areas of modern life, including controversial topics for which political decisions are required. Especially, in the field of bio-ethics this dialogue has to cross borders of religious and cultural difference in order to let possible consensus come through. In addition, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation would like to contribute to a world-wide dialogue on core values which needs to be promoted in the European public sphere as well as in the Islamic.