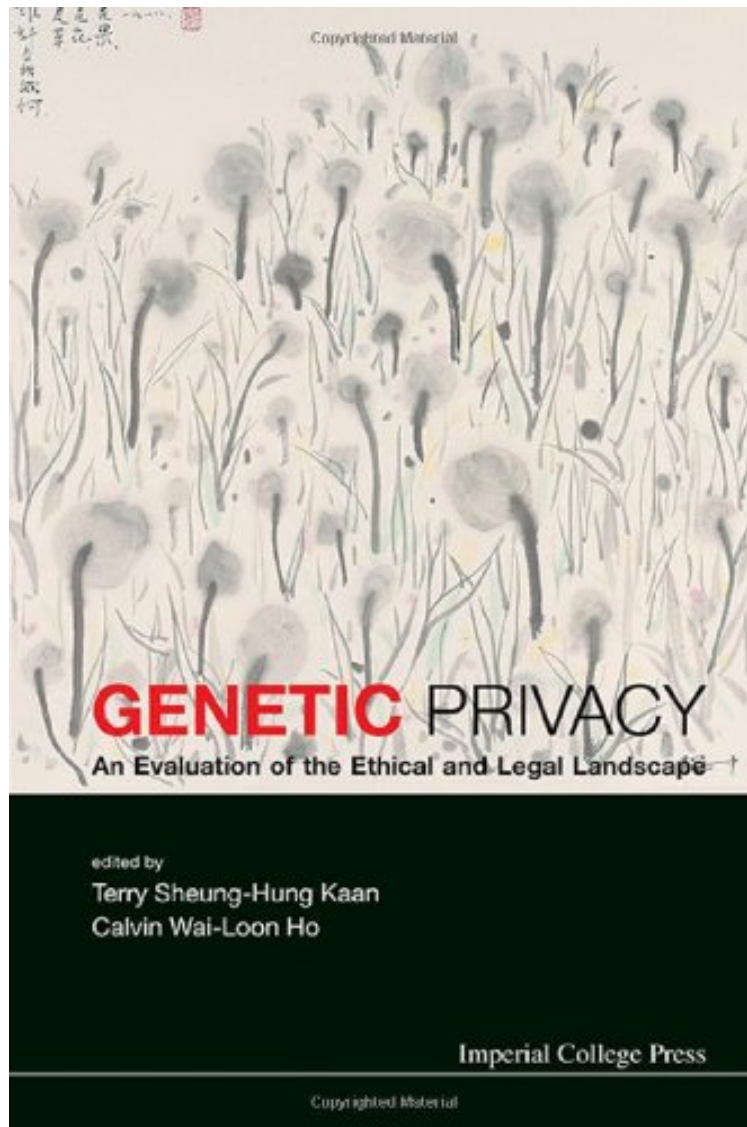


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Privacy is an unwieldy concept that has eluded an essentialised definition despite its centrality and importance in the body of bioethics. The compilation presented in this volume represents continuing discussions on the theme of privacy

in the context of genetic information. It is intended to present a wide range of expert opinion in which the notion of privacy is examined from many perspectives, in different contexts and imperatives, and in different societies, with the hope of advancing an understanding of privacy through the examination and critique of some of its evolving component concepts such as notions of what constitute the personal, the context of privacy, the significance and impact of the relational interests of others who may share the same genetic inheritance, and mechanisms for the protection of privacy (as well as of their limitations), among others. More specifically, the discussions in this volume encourages us to think broadly about privacy, as encompassing values that are entailed in the sociality of context and of relations, and also as freedom from illegitimate and excessive surveillance. A long-standing question that continues to challenge us is whether genetic information should be regarded as exceptional, as it is often perceived. A conclusion that could be derived from this volume is that while genetic information may be significant, it is not exceptionally so. The work presented in this volume underlines the continuing and growing relevance of notions of privacy to genomic science, and the need to take ownership of a genetic privacy for the future through broad, rigorous and open discussion. Contributors: Alastair V Campbell, Benjamin Capps, Jacqueline JL Chin, Oi Lian Kon, Kenji Matsui, Thomas H Murray, Nazirudin Mohd Nasir, Dianne Nicol, Anh Tuan Nuyen, Onora O'Neill, Margaret Otlowski, Yvette van der Eijk, Chunshui Wang, Ross S White. Readership: Students and professionals in medical law and medical ethics, public policy, Asian studies and public health.

From the Inside Flap This book provides an analysis of the ways in which privacy has and will continue to shape biomedical research in Singapore and in key scientific jurisdictions. The editors and authors have an intimate knowledge of policy work relating to privacy in biomedical research, and the focus of the book includes the ways in which local and international forces have influenced the form and substance of both privacy and biomedical sciences in public private interactions. Together, the authors offer a comparative account of the different notions and expressions of privacy, as considered in the wider context of the mutual shaping of biomedical sciences and regulatory efforts. The book reviews the work of the BAC in Singapore and comparable institutions (or policy frameworks) in select jurisdictions by placing them within the broader cultural, social and political discourses that have emerged in relation to the biomedical sciences since the turn of the 21st century. This book is intended to make a substantive contribution to the rapidly emerging field of bioethics. Ethical discussions in the book include consideration of genetics, biobanking and research with human participants, and focus on likely future developments as well as the past. This book is the first of its kind in providing a detailed account of a privacy framework that applies to biomedical research in Singapore (and in select jurisdictions). Many of the contributors to this book have been personally involved in privacy-related policy work, and hence they write with an authoritative first-hand knowledge that scholars in bioethics and public policy may appreciate. Scholars and policy makers may find the Singaporean experience (and comparable development elsewhere) to be a valuable resource, as the approach has been to make the ethical governance of research in Singapore consistent with international best practice while observing the requirements of a properly localised application of universally accepted principles.

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