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Technology Policies and Other Policies Concerning Biotechnology

Biotechnology has since the first successful recombinant-DNA-experiment carried out in 1973 been observed with keen interest. First of all as a consequence of the huge economic gains and consequences the application of the technology was supposed to bring about. Second, the technology was supposed to have very big negative and/or positive consequences on the environment. The article deals with research and development as well as application of recombinant-DNA-technique in general. Furthermore, it gives an overview of public initiatives in biotechnology in Denmark and evaluates the perspectives in the Danish development and application of biotechnology, especially the potentialities in public policy to influence the present development.

Jens Hoff
Antonio Gramsci's »Philosophy of Praxis«

Gramsci is the first among the »classical« marxists to deal with the question of social praxis in a theoretically satisfying manner. This expresses itself, for example, through the concept of »hegemony«, by which Gramsci tries to characterise the form of (class-)power and the special political praxis which dominates modern western societies. The use of this concept also means a considerable broadening of the sphere normally considered »as the political«, and implicates an involvement of language, culture, moral and science in the »discourse of power«.

On May 20, 1988, associate professor Jørgen Elklit defended his thesis, *From Open to Secret Voting. Aspects of the Development of a Party System* (Århus: Politica, 1988), for which he received the degree dr.scient.pol. An English summary of the thesis is found in the book on pp. 356-380. This issue of *Politica* publishes the contribution of the first official critic, cand.polit. Stein Kuhnle, professor in comparative politics at the University of Bergen, and that of the second official critic, dr. scient.pol. Erik Damgaard, professor in comparative politics at the University of Aarhus.