

Judging the Important Questions and Approaches in Biology with

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How do we choose the important questions in biology? Who judges them? How do we judge the judges? Are we getting it right? In biology, importance is sometime judged aesthetically, and sometimes by anticipated utility. The aesthetic approach often yields exceptional utility. The utilitarian approach often produces elegance. Although these seem reasonable the problem is that the true utility of discovery can only be seen in the rear-view mirror. Nevertheless, the question still stands. What makes an important question in biology? How can we chart our own course?

The audience is invited to discuss these questions with Professor Marc W. Kirschner from Harvard University. The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Ran Kafri.

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