

# NeuroLaw Network News

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## New Publications

- Torben Kjærsgaard, 'Enhancing motivation by use of prescription stimulants: The ethics of motivation enhancement' can be accessed [here](#) by subscribers to the AJOB Neuroscience.

The article considers healthy individuals' use of prescription drugs taken with the intention to enhance performance in academia or at work, and ethical issues concerning cognitive enhancement has been widely discussed in the academic literature.

- Matt Lamkin has published a paper arguing that, given the history of attempts to interfere with health for non-medical reasons such as prohibition and restrictions on abortion (in the USA in particular), government should not regulate beyond the protection of human health, and laws which are "morality based intrusions" should be repealed.
- Although it's not a new publication, featured in [national press](#) recently (because it's now available in paperback) is [Kathleen Taylor's The Brain Supremacy: Notes from the frontiers of neuroscience,](#).
- Bionews.org has published a review of Russell Blackford's [Humanity Enhanced - Genetic Choice and the Challenge for Liberal Democracies](#), which looks at a range of biotechnologies and urges a liberal attitude

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In the papers recently was [the news](#) that a man in Sweden has utilized a prosthetic arm integrated into his muscles outside of laboratory conditions for the first time. The use of sub-surface electrodes is a new step, and the scientists hope that the next step will be the feeling of sensations from the prosthesis. The increasing viability of fully integrated prostheses raises concerns as mentioned in the last newsletter about the implications for criminal law and responsibility, especially the prospect of hacking, as well as body/property questions.

Also in the news, the (perceived) increased use of "smart" drugs as revealed by a drug seizure in the UK. [The article](#), in the Guardian newspaper, lists a range of health concerns related to accessing cognitive enhancing drugs via unregulated sources over the internet.

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