More than a decade after the Chinese government’s release of its National Program for the Development of Nanotechnology, China has become one of the world’s major players in nanotechnology research and development (R&D) and has taken strides in the commercialization of this technology. However, Chinese research on nanoethics from the humanities and social sciences emerged much later and is smaller in scope. In this talk, I will give firstly a brief introduction of the current research progress in nanotechnology and nanoethics in China followed by a reflection on the different approaches of nanoethics. The novel concept of “ethics of feasibility,” emphasizing the social acceptability of nanotechnology instead of only concern about the negative consequence of nanotechnology, will be discussed. Finally, some results from our current empirical studies about the safety situation in the workplace and the public perception of nanotechnology in China will be illustrated.

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