

SYMPOSIUM

FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON MEDICAL BODIES

You are invited to a symposium hosted by the Legal Intersections Research Centre, the Feminist Research Network and the Forum on Human Rights Research

Date: 20 February 2015

Time: 9.00 – 5.30

Location: 24.102

RSVP: [Online](#)

The ways in which bodies are being modulated in biomedicine continue to proliferate, for example through surgery, assisted reproduction, genetic therapies and transplantation. As evidenced by the growing literature on biopolitics of biomedicine, this has important implications for the ways in which certain lives are normalised/ pathologised, and regulated. Certain bodily functions/capacities are being enhanced, supplemented and others disallowed. Race, gender, ability, and species hierarchies and identities continue to be (re)produced in new and important ways through these bodily technologies. Acts of violence against bodies (particularly already marginalised bodies) can become possible and permissible through medical and scientific practices and discourses. Through engagement with feminist theory, presenters will interrogate the multiple ways in which medical and scientific contexts are sites for the production of particular kinds of bodies which can be subject to regulation and interventions, and explore the place of ethical, institutional, legal and policy dimensions in the possibilities and limitations of these medical bodies. Presenters will engage with the theme through a broad range of contemporary examples including animal to human transplantation, vaginal cosmetic surgery, preimplantation genetic diagnosis, breast reconstruction, sterilisation and in vitro fertilisation.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Catherine Waldby, Professorial Future Fellow, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney, '20th Century Oöcytes: Experiment and Experience'

Professor Isabel Karpin, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney, 'The Gendering of Disability: Sex Selection for "risk reduction" '

Other guest speakers include: Professor Vera Mackie (UOW), Associate Professor Sarah Ferber (UOW), Associate Professor Catherine Mills (Monash), Associate Professor Andrea Whittaker (Monash), Dr Nicola Marks (UOW), Dr Nadine Ehlers (UOW), Dr Linda Steele (UOW), Dr Macarena Iribarne (Independent scholar), Rachel Carr (PhD candidate, USYD) and Zoe Barker (PhD candidate UOW).

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