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Paper Title: "Gender and Justice in the Gene Age: The Challenge of Reproductive and Genetic Biotechnologies"

Abstract:

My paper, which will be available in Italian and my PowerPoint presentation will examine the challenges created by the rapid emergence, and in some prosperous nations, unregulated development of new reproductive and genetic biotechnologies and biomedical protocols that use and impact women's reproductive capacity. My paper will also report on the ova trade in the United States, and attempts at enforceable regulatory oversight of reproductive biotechnologies and egg donation in the US, Canada and the UK. Lastly, my paper will consider the social justice challenges posed by some emerging biomedical technologies in the context of distributive justice issues like women's bodily integrity and "red biotechnologies," intergenerational justice, existing health equity resource sharing, and the longstanding challenge to the women's movement to support reproductive justice for marginalized women.

Beneficiaries:

This session will particularly be beneficial to those whose work focuses on women's health and human rights, especially women's right to bodily integrity; bioethics; disability rights; social, racial, economic and environmental justice; health care and biomedical research prioritization; and intergenerational justice. It will be relevant to areas of scholarship including women's studies, racial and ethnic studies, science and technology studies, public health policy, and bioethics.

Selected Suggested Readings:

Gender and Justice in the Gene Age: A Feminist Meeting on New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies (NYC/USA); Conference Documents at: <http://www.GJGA.org>.

Marsha J. Tyson Darling, "Reproductive and Genetic Bio Technologies: Taking Up the Challenge," in *Development*, 2006, 49(1), (18-22).

Marsha J. Tyson Darling, "Gender, New Technologies and Development," in *Development*, 2006, 49(4), (23-27.)

Within and Beyond the Limits of Human Nature: A Working Conference on the Challenges of the New Human Genetic Technologies (Berlin/Germany); Conference Documents at: <http://www.biopolitics-berlin2003.org/welcome.asp#top>.

The Center for Genetics and Society (USA) documents at: <http://www.genetics-and-society.org>.

"If Cloning is the Answer, What was the Question?: Power and Decision-Making in the Geneticisation of Health," The CornerHouse, Briefing No.16: The Geneticisation of Health, October, 1999. See also CornerHouse (UK) documents at: <http://www.cornerhouse@gn.apc.org>.

The Committee on Women, Population and the Environment (USA) resources at: <http://www.cwpe.org>.

Our Bodies Ourselves (USA) resources at: <http://www.bwhbc.org>.

Judy Norsigian, [Executive Director of Our Bodies Ourselves], "Stem Cell Research and Embryo Cloning: Involving Laypersons in the Public Debates," New England Law Review, Vol. 39, No. 1, 2005.

The Council on Responsible Genetics (USA) documents at: <http://www.genewatch.org>.

The Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future (USA) resources at: <http://www.thehumanfuture.com>.

Human Rights Alert Newsletter (UK) resources at: info@hgalert.org.