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Transbiology: the cyborg embryo and feminist politics'

Abstract: Embryos have become increasingly important work objects in the context of contemporary stem cell science, or what this presentation describes as 'transbiology' – the reshaping of vitality through new conduits of exchange, or what I have described elsewhere as 'embryonic economies'. Drawing on the work of Donna Haraway, as well as the somewhat neglected feminist literature on new reproductive technologies from the 1980s and 1990s, this paper revisits some of the early feminist questions about embryo research to see if they shed light on contemporary debate, in particular about embryo provenance.