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Abstract

In this paper, we shall discuss what characterizes the Norwegian version of the political debate on egg donation and which themes are brought to the fore. Our data are from the Parliamentary debate in relation to amendments of the Biotechnology Law. Gender perceptions affect the understanding of 'what egg and sperm may do' at the same time as the debate sets established perceptions of gender in motion. The new reproductive technologies have contributed to destabilize conventional perceptions of the process of reproduction and the relationship of male and female within it. The debate is studied as a process of cultural co-production where we ask how the Norwegian emphasis on gender equality influences the debate on egg donation and, *vice versa*, how debates of ART re-open debates on gender in relation to reproduction and parenthood.

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