



One-Day Workshop

10.30a.m., MONDAY 14TH MAY

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Stem cell identities, governance and ethics: implications for social and political theory

Recent years have seen a rapid growth of interest across the social sciences in the science and technology of stem cell research. Much of this work has been focussed upon empirical studies of innovation, regulation and clinical development with attention often concentrated upon improving the development of stem cell therapies. There has been rather less conceptual work carried out that aims critically to explore the meaning and consequences of the development of stem cells for social and political theory. This workshop sets out to address this gap. Issues to be explored include

- Stem cells, materialism and materiality
- Stem cell identities (how are stem cells constructed as socio-technical objects)?
- Reframing the ethics of stem cells
- Expectations and the construction of imagined stem cell futures
- The politics of stem cell governance and innovation

Keynote speaker: Professor Jane Bennett (Johns Hopkins University). Professor Bennett has written extensively on the relations between nature, science, knowledge and society. Her principal publications include Unthinking Faith and Enlightenment (NYUP, 1987), Thoreau's Nature (Sage 1994) and Enchantment of Modernity (Princeton, 2001).

Other confirmed speakers include: Dr. Nik Brown (University of York), Dr. Helen Busby (ISS), Dr. Paul Martin (ISS), Professor Brigitte Nerlich (ISS/Stem Cells Network),

Participation in the workshop is free but you need to register your intention to attend

Download the Conference registration form here (closing date: 23rd April)

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Conference Registration (includes lunch and refreshments):

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