

We are pleased to invite you to submit a paper proposal to our Open Panel at the EASST/4S Conference in Prague, 18-21 August 2020:

#70 Governing reproductive bio-economies: policy frameworks, ethics and economics

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Reproductive bio-economies, i.e. economies that are built around reproductive tissues, cells and processes, are largely consolidated economies, which have seen considerable growth in terms of treatment cycles, technologies, revenues, actors, and countries. Since the first IVF birth, reproductive bio-economies have expanded to include a range of stakeholders including: clinics, legal firms, donors and surrogates, intermediaries and agencies, gamete and embryo banks, investment funds, research institutions and public health care systems, in a global network worth billions of Euros. Amidst this expansion, questions about the policy and governance of reproductive bio-economies become a matter of considerable interest.

A consideration of regulatory systems that govern reproductive technologies raises questions about how bio-economies emerge within different national and supranational contexts, how and if they challenge existing governance arrangements and how existing or new policy frameworks contribute to their re/shaping. An exploration of the regulation of reproductive bio-economies allows for improved understanding of how “moral regimes directed towards reproductive behaviours and practices are fully entangled with political economic processes” (Morgan & Roberts 2012), and allows consideration to be given to the distribution of actors and affects within different moral frameworks and regulatory formations.

This panel therefore welcomes contributions on:

- Policy actors, configurations and policy change in the context of reproductive bio-economies
- Interactions of public policy with private medicine
- Local/global medical regulation
- Questions of quality and safety, conflicts of interest and informed consent
- The regulation of different valuation practices and commercial actors
- Questions of under or over regulation

Submission:

The deadline for paper submissions is 29 February 2020.

Abstracts must be made via the online form that can be found by logging in with your 4S/EASST credentials here: <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/ssss/prague20/>

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Submissions should include:

- * A paper title (150 words maximum) - type the title as you would like it to appear in the Program.
Please Use Title Case (that is, capitalise the first letter of each word).
- * An abstract of 250 words maximum.
- * From the drop-down box you must select at least one descriptor that best matches your area of STS scholarship.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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