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## **POLITICS OF TEST-TUBE BABIES**

### **SUMMER II (ONLINE COURSE)**

In this course, we will read about how scientific progress made in the field of reproduction is closely tied to social, political and economic structures. New reproductive technologies like freezing of eggs and sperm, in-vitro-fertilization, making “designer babies” etc. have drastically changed our perception of family. How do these technologies interact with structures of unequal power relations? Have these new technologies helped eliminate social and economic oppression or exacerbated it? We will address these questions by first examining what makes reproduction political. To do so, we will briefly look into the histories of reproductive rights movement(s) and scientific discourses around it by drawing on perspectives from both within and outside the US. Then, we will discuss how the growth of new reproductive technologies in contemporary globalized world interacts with systemic inequalities. Finally, we will consider how reproductive justice politics allows a critical framework to address those inequalities.