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The Biopolitical Imagination

A New Politics of Human Biotechnology

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Abstract: Commercial surrogacy and egg freezing parties. Police DNA databases and resurgent claims about race as biology. Early-pregnancy fetal gene tests and “precision gene editing.” New biotech products and practices are bringing us face to face with unprecedented personal and societal decisions, and never-before-considered political and ethical

dilemmas. Public attention to the challenges posed by human genetics and assisted reproductive technologies is typically episodic and disconnected. Only a few public interest organizations have programs addressing them. And public policies are thin at best, especially in the US. Yet in this talk, we’ll look at signs that a new biopolitics is emerging.

Marcy Darnovsky speaks and writes widely on the politics of human biotechnology, focusing on their social justice and public interest implications. Her articles have appeared in *The Nation*, *Democracy*, *Harvard Law and Policy Review*, *The American Interest*, *Alternet*, *Science Progress*, *The Journal of Life Sciences*, *Modern Healthcare*, *Contraception*, *Bioethics Forum*, *Tikkun* and many others.



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