



Stem Cells and Reproductive Technologies: Challenges and Opportunities

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Refreshments 5.30pm

Seminar 6.00–7.30pm

Peter Shergold Building

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About the Seminar:

Medical research promises new therapies for a range of conditions. At the same time, globalisation, direct-to-consumer marketing, and socio-economic factors influence public attitudes towards medical research and raise highly complex legal, ethical and social justice questions. The speakers in our public seminar will address the science of stem cells and regenerative medicine and the role that law plays regulating, facilitating, and sometimes prohibiting, particular aspects of medical research and patient treatment.

We invite the public, members of the legal and medical professions and the staff and students of Western Sydney University to discuss the potential and some of the challenges of regulating medical research and clinical practice in a globalised world.

The speakers:

- Dr Michael O'Connor (School of Medicine), 'Is the future here now? The science and realistic potential of stem cell science and regenerative medicine.'
- Dr Patrick Foong (School of Law), 'Stem Cell Tourism: Regulatory Challenges.'
- Dr Cressida Limon (School of Law), 'Cross Border Reproductive Treatments: Donors to Workers?'

About the speakers:

Dr Michael O'Connor is the Director, Medical Sciences Research Group, Head, Regenerative Medicine Laboratory and Senior Lecturer in Regenerative Medicine at Western Sydney University. Michael is the immediate past President of the Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research during which he established the Stem Cell Stories art exhibition to engage the community on stem cell-related issues

Dr Patrick Foong is a Lecturer and the Impact and Engagement (Research) Officer in the School of Law at WSU. Patrick's research is in the area of bioethics and health law. His PhD thesis critically analyses an effective regulatory framework to govern the controversial human embryonic stem cell research. He is a member of the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL), Stem Cell Society Singapore (SCSS) and International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR).

Dr Cressida Limon is a Lecturer in the School of Law, WSU and was previously the Research Fellow for the Family Law Council of Australia's inquiry into parentage and family law, including legal issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements. Cressida's research focuses on feminist and critical legal theory, biotechnologies and property.