

The **Center for Feminist Research** presents



Social Inequality in Eugenics and New Reproductive Technologies (IVF) – Beyond the question of continuity

a lecture by CFR Visiting Scholar

Sevasti Trubeta

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

2:30 pm –4:00 pm

YRT 830

The socio-historical conditions that helped the emergence and flourishing of eugenics have changed to such a degree that equating eugenics and new genetic technologies might be a simplification which (a) masks the historical character of social phenomena and (b) impedes tracing both the dynamics and boundaries of each one. On the one hand, eugenics flourished within in a type of society in which welfare state and institutions were creating; it drew arguments from the necessity to buttress these institutions and based its proposals and practices on the supposed priority of the “common well” against individual rights. On the other hand, new genetic technologies operate in a type of society in which individualism gains more and more significance in shaping social relations, welfare state is weakening whereas commercialization of social and health services is increasing. In terms of social inequality, if eugenics provided suggestions for treating social stratification in terms of managing biological capital and consolidating state authority, now, the question of social inequity expands the limits of an individual society and raises questions related to a global order.



Dr. Sevasti Trubeta is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of the Aegean in Greece. Her research interests include issues of Humanitarianism, biopolitics, eugenics, Roma, Refugees, with a regional focus on South Eastern Europe.

Please RSVP to cfr@yorku.ca