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Central Seminar Series 2010

Thursday, 18 March 2010

4.00 – 5.30pm

Scots Centre (*next to Scots Church*)

Cnr North Terrace and Pulteney Street, Adelaide

Egg donors and scientific research: women's experiences and ethical issues

Presented by

Professor Erica Haines

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Erica Haines was the Founding Executive Director of the PEALS (Policy, Ethics and Life Sciences) Research Centre (1998-2008) where she is now Professorial Fellow; she is also Professor of Sociology in the School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, UK. Her research interests include: interdisciplinary research on social, ethical and legal aspects of the life sciences; reproductive and genetic technologies; the socio-ethical aspects of the provision of human tissue for research, and the relationship between states, families and medicine with a focus on assisted conception. She is currently leading or co-leading six projects across these fields, including socio-ethical evaluations of (i) the provision of IVF embryos for stem cell research, funded by the Wellcome Trust and (ii) a scheme through which volunteers provide eggs for SCNT research in exchange for half-price IVF treatment, funded by the UK Medical Research Council. In early 2009 she launched the PARTS (Provision and Acquisition of Reproductive Tissue for Science) International Research Network.

Erica was a member of the Interim Advisory Group (Ethics and Governance), UK Biobank and has since been a member of the Ethics and Governance Council for UK Biobank (Jan 2007-Dec 2009). She has recently been asked to join the Ethics and Law Advisory Committee of the UK's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority as an External Member to advise on social science research. She was also asked to join the Ethics and Public Policy Committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research. She is on the Advisory Board of the UK's ESRC Genomics Research and Policy Forum at Edinburgh University and on the International Advisory Board for the NIH-funded Centre for Genetics Research, Ethics and Law at Case Western Reserve University, USA.

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