The Cryopolitics of Reproduction on Ice

A New Scandinavian Ice Age
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About the Book

Reproduction has entered a new ice age: the ability to cryopreserve reproductive cells, tissue and embryos are fundamentally changing our understanding of what it means to be a reproductive citizen. This book explores the ways in which visions of desirable reproductive futures entangle with advances in freezing technologies, with the authors situating their discussions of cryo-fertility within the Scandinavian region, asking:

• How does cryopreservation help mobilize particular understandings of reproductive time, reproductive rights and reproductive autonomy?
• What values are embedded within Scandinavian laws that seek to regulate cryo-technologies?
• How are frozen states enacted in clinical settings and how do the women and men who freeze imagine the preservation of reproductive parts?

These questions demand a collaborative approach. The authors empirically cut across the arenas of bioethics/law, practices/experiences, and culture/commerce in order to pin down often complex and far-reaching answers.