



Conference Speakers

Stuart Blume

Stuart Blume is Emeritus Professor of Science and Technology Studies at the University of Amsterdam and 'Professor 2' at the Centre for Development and Environment (SUM) at the University of Oslo. Educated at Merton College Oxford, he subsequently worked at the University of Sussex, the OECD (Paris), the London School of Economics, and in various government Ministries, including from 1975-1977 in The Cabinet Office, London, and from 1977-1980 as Secretary of the Committee on Social Inequalities in Health, Department of Health (The 'Black Committee'). Since moving to Amsterdam in 1982, his research has focused largely on the development and introduction of new medical technologies (diagnostic imaging technologies, assistive technologies for people with disabilities, vaccines). In 2000, he helped establish the Innovia Foundation for Medicine, Technology & Society: a virtual research group dedicated to strengthening links between patient organizations and local research communities, worldwide. Publications include *Insight & Industry: The Dynamics of Technological Change in Medicine* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press 1992); (ed, with Virginia Berridge) *Poor Health. Social Inequality before and after the Black Report* (London: Frank Cass, 2002); and *The Artificial Ear: Cochlear Implants and the Culture of Deafness* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, December 2009). Together with colleagues in Norway and India he is currently working on a book on vaccines and immunisation.

Madeleine Akrich

Madeleine Akrich is Director of the Centre de Sociologie de l'Innovation, Mines-ParisTech. She is the main coordinator of EPOKS project. Her research work has long been devoted to technology studies, and notably to the analysis of users' place and role from design to use. Now focussing her work on health and medicine, Madeleine has completed a comparative study on obstetrical practices in France and the Netherlands, in collaboration with Bernike Pasveer. Currently, she is working on the role of internet in regards to patients' information and mobilisation. She is member of the Advisory Group of CIANE, the main French childbirth organisation, and works with several groups at the *Haute Autorité de Santé*, the French Agency in charge of elaborating clinical guidelines and health technology assessment. Her numerous contributions include a recent article entitled 'From communities of practice to epistemic communities: health mobilizations on the internet' (2010) published in *Sociological Research Online*. Madeleine was the coordinator of two previous EU actions: ITEMS and MEDUSE

<http://www.csi.ensmp.fr/WebCSI/MEDUSE/> .



João Arriscado Nunes

João Arriscado Nune is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra, Portugal. His research interests include the biomedical research, life sciences, public health, citizenship, democracy, public participation in areas such as the environment and health and the relationship between science and other modes knowledge. He has participated in several national and international projects funded by the European Commission. His publications include *Reinventing Democracy: Grassroots Movements in Portugal* (London: Frank Cass, 2005) and *Impure Objects: Experiences in Science Studies* (London: Flushing, 2008).

Tiago Moreira

Tiago Moreira is Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Durham University. His research interests are the social studies of health and medicine, particularly the study of emerging processes of knowledge production, mediation and use in health care policy and practice, evidence-based medicine, biomedicalisation, consumer involvement in research and 'distributed' forms of care delivery. For over a decade, he has published on the sociology of surgery, the use of health technologies at home, the social dynamics of clinical guidelines development and the processes of therapeutic development and evaluation in Alzheimer's disease. Recent publications include 'Health care rationing in an age of uncertainty: a conceptual model' (2011) in *Social Science and Medicine*, and, with Catherine Will, *Medical Proofs/Social experiments: clinical trials in shifting contexts* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2010).

Orla O'Donovan

Orla O'Donovan is a lecturer in the School of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork, Ireland. Her teaching and research interests centre on the politics of health and medicine and efforts to democratise the production and use of science and technology for public purposes. Her research interests and involvement with *Health Action International* have converged on a number of issues including patient organisations' contributions to the production of knowledge about health and medicine, patient organisations' relationships with pharmaceutical corporations, conflicts of interests in medicines regulation and transparency in medicines regulation and pharmaceutical policy. She has been an active participant in public debates in Ireland about pharmaceutical policy; for example she contributed to the work of a 2007 government committee on the adverse side effects of pharmaceuticals, and in 2010 was appointed to the Medical Council of Ireland Ethics Working Group. Her publications include: 'The Irish Health Service's Expert Advisory Group: spaces for advancing epistemological justice?' in Hans Lofgren, Evelyne de Leeuw, Michael Leahy, *Democratizing Health: Consumer Groups and the Policy Process*



(Cheltenham: Edward Edgar Publishing, 2011) and 'Corporate Colonization of Health Activism? Irish Health Advocacy Organizations' Modes of Engagement with Pharmaceutical Corporations' (2007) in *International Journal of Health Services*.

Vololona Rabeharisoa

Vololona Rabeharisoa is Professor of Sociology at Mines-ParisTech and Senior Researcher at Centre de Sociologie de l'Innovation. She is the scientific coordinator of EPOKS project. Her main research interests are science and technology studies, notably social studies of biomedicine, disability studies and social movements analysis. She has conducted an in-depth socio-historical analysis of the research engagement of the French Association against Muscular Dystrophies, in collaboration with Michel Callon. In collaboration with colleagues at CSI, she is currently analysing quantitative data on French patient organizations concerned with rare diseases, in order to map out different forms of patients' scientific activism. She has coordinated various research-related actions funded by the European Commission with Madeleine Akrich, and has supervised research projects on social studies of biomedical practices in France. She sits on the Scientific Councils of various health institutions. Relevant recent publications include the book *The Dynamics of Patient Organizations in Europe* (Paris: Presses des Mines, 2009), with Madeleine Akrich, João Nunes and Florence Paterson, and the paper 'The growing engagement of emergent concerned groups in political and economic life. Lessons from the French Association of neuromuscular disease patients', with Michel Callon (2008) in *Science, Technology & Human Values*.

Celia Roberts

Celia Roberts is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Lancaster. Her research centres on the body, health, reproduction, sexuality and aging. She is interested in questions of responsibility and risk in contemporary biomedicine, and in how patients make decisions about engaging with medical technologies and pharmaceuticals. Her book, *Messengers of Sex: hormones, biomedicine and feminism* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007) explores the role of hormones in producing sexually differentiated bodies and critically analyses scientific and biomedical texts, pharmaceutical advertisements, patient leaflets, and popular media accounts of sex hormones and how they work in bodies. She has published several articles on this area, with a particular focus on hormone replacement therapy. She is also the co-author (with Sarah Franklin) of a book on genetics and reproduction, entitled *Born and Made: An ethnography of preimplantation genetic diagnosis* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006). In addition to the EPOKS project, Celia has participated in three further projects



funded by the EU. The most significant of these was entitled 'Ethical Frameworks for Telecare Technologies for older people living at home' and was a collaborative research project led by Lancaster, with partners in The Netherlands, Norway and Spain (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/efortt/>). Celia is currently writing a book on early onset puberty entitled *Puberty in Crisis: a biosocial account*.

Imogen Tyler

Imogen Tyler is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Lancaster University and currently a Leverhulme Research Fellow. Her research focuses on social identities and mediation, with a particular interest in motherhood, citizenship, migration, borders, social class, race, ethnicity, disability, and forms of resistance and protest. A monograph, *Revolting Subjects* (Zed) is forthcoming, as is a special issue of *Citizenship Studies* on 'Immigrant Protest' and an edited book *Immigrant Protest: Politics, Aesthetics, and Everyday Dissent* (SUNY). In the area of maternity, she has edited a special issue of *Feminist Review* on 'Birth' (2009), and has published several articles and book chapters mainly focused on maternal identities, and the representation of pregnancy and birth, these include most recently: 'Naked Protest: The Maternal Politics of Citizenship and Revolt' (forthcoming) *Citizenship Studies*, 'Pramfaced Girls: the class politics of "Maternal TV"' (2011) in *Real Class: Ordinary people and Reality Television Across National Spaces*, London: BFI, 'Pregnant Beauty: Maternal Femininities under Neoliberalism' (2011) in *New Femininities: Postfeminism, Neoliberalism and Identity*. Palgrave, 'Designed to Fail: a biopolitics of British Citizenship' (2010) *Citizenship Studies*. "'Chav Mum, Chav Scum': Class Disgust in Contemporary Britain' (2008) *Feminist Media Studies*. Alongside her work on the EPOKS project, she is currently engaged in an ESRC project, 'Making Asylum Seekers Legible and Visible: An Analysis of the Dilemmas, Risks and Mitigating Strategies of Asylum Advocacy' (<http://asylum-network.com/>).