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ARC (Australian Research Council) Future Fellow (June 2011-June 2015)

Current Research Between June 2011 and June 2015, I will be undertaking a Future Fellowship funded by the Australian Research Council. The title of the project is ‘Experimental Workers of the World – The Labour of Human Research Subjects in the Emerging Bioeconomies of China and India.’ As part of this project, I will be investigating the transnational organization of contract clinical trials with a special focus on China (Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing) and India (Ahmedabad); interrogating the intertwined histories of biomedical experiment, welfare and tort law; and the challenges posed by a reconceptualization of clinical trial participation as risk-bearing labour.

Academic Qualifications

- 2001 Doctorate **University of Paris VIII** Thesis – ‘Nouvelle alliance, nouvelle naissance: la question de la genèse dans la pensée de Deleuze et Guattari’, supervisors Françoise Duroux and Hélène Cixous
- 1994 DEA (Diplôme d’Études Approfondies), **University of Paris VIII**
- 1992 BA (Honours), First Class Honours and University Medal, **University of Sydney**

Publications

Monograph

- 1) Melinda Cooper, **Life as Surplus: Biotechnology and Capitalism in the Neoliberal Era**, In Vivo series of Washington University Press, 2008. ISBN-10: 029598791X, ISBN-13: 978-0295987910

Book Contract

- 2) Melinda Cooper and Catherine Waldby, **Clinical Labour: Human Research Subjects and Tissue Donors in The Global Bioeconomy**, under contract to Duke University Press. Manuscript due August 2011

Refereed Articles

- 1) Melinda Cooper ‘Liquid Foundations – Debt, Default and the Limits of Epistemology’ **Polygraph: An International Journal of Culture and Politics** 24 (Issue on Resistance to Finance), 2012.
- 2) Melinda Cooper ‘The Pharmacology of Distributed Experiment’ **Body and Society**, 2012.
- 3) Melinda Cooper ‘Complexity Theory after the Financial Crisis: The End of Neoliberalism or the Triumph of Hayek?’ **Journal of Cultural Economy** 4(4), 2011, in press.

- 4) Melinda Cooper 'Experimental Republic – Medical Accidents (Productive and Unproductive) in Post-Socialist China' **EASTS (East Asian Science, Technology and Society – An International Journal)**, 5(3), 2011, Special Issue on Biopolitics in China
- 5) Melinda Cooper 'Trial by Accident: Tort Law, Industrial Risks and the History of Medical Experiment' **Journal of Cultural Economy** 4(1), 2011, Special Issue on Transnational Medical Research.
- 6) Melinda Cooper and Jeremy Walker 'Genealogies of Resilience: From Systems Ecology to the Political Economy of Crisis Adaptation' **Security Dialogue**, 41(2), April 2011, Special Issue on Global Governance of Security and Finance.
- 7) Melinda Cooper, 'Turbulent Worlds: Between Financial and Environmental Crisis' **Theory, Culture and Society**, 27(2-3), 2010, 167-190, Special issue on Global Heating.
- 8) Melinda Cooper and Angela Mitropoulos, 'The Household Frontier' **Ephemera: Theory and Politics in Organization**, 9(4), 2009, 363-368, Roundtable on the Global Financial Crisis. Downloadable at <http://www.ephemeraweb.org/journal/9-4/9-4coopermitropoulos.pdf>
- 9) Melinda Cooper and Catherine Waldby, 'From Reproductive Work to Regenerative Labour: The Female Body and the Stem Cell Industries' **Feminist Theory**, 11(1), 2009.
- 10) Melinda Cooper, 'Regenerative Pathologies – Stem Cells, Teratomas and Theories of Cancer' **Medicine Studies**, 1(1), 2009, 55-66.
- 11) Melinda Cooper, 'Orientalism in the Mirror – The Sexual Politics of Anti-Westernism' **Theory, Culture and Society**, 25(6), 2008, 25-47.
- 12) Melinda Cooper, 'Experimental Labour—Offshoring Clinical Trials to China' **EASTS East Asian Science, Technology and Society: An International Journal**, 2(1), March 2008, 73-92.
- 13) Melinda Cooper and Catherine Waldby, 'The Biopolitics of Reproduction: Post-Fordist Biotechnology and Women's Clinical Labour,' co-authored with Catherine Waldby, **Australian Feminist Studies**, 23(55), 2008.
- 14) Melinda Cooper, 'Life, Autopoiesis, Debt – Inventing the Bioeconomy' **Distinktion – Journal of Scandinavian Social Theory**, May 2007, 25-43, Special Issue on Bioeconomics
- 15) Melinda Cooper, 'Stem Cell Science in India: Emerging Economies and the Politics of Globalization', co-authored with Brian Salter, Amanda Dickins, Valentina Cardo **Regenerative Medicine**, 2(1), January 2007, 75-89.
- 16) Melinda Cooper, 'The Unborn Born Again: Neo-Imperialism, the Evangelical Right and the Culture of Life,' **Postmodern Culture (PMC)**, 17(1), Fall, 2006.
- 17) Melinda Cooper, 'China and the Global Stem Cell Bioeconomy: An Emerging Political Strategy?' **Regenerative Medicine**, co-authored with Professor Brian Salter and Amanda Dickins, 1(5), 2006, 671-683.
- 18) Melinda Cooper, 'Preempting Emergence – The Biological Turn of the War on Terror', **Theory, Culture and Society**, 23(4), July 2006, 113-135.

- 19) Melinda Cooper, 'Resuscitations: Stem Cells and the Crisis of Old Age,' **Body and Society**, 12(1), January 2006, 1-23.
- 20) Melinda Cooper, 'Regenerative Medicine: Stem Cells and the Science of Monstrosity', **Medical Humanities**, 30 (1), June 2004, 12-22.
- 21) Melinda Cooper, 'On the Brink: From Mutual Deterrence to Uncontrollable War,' **Contretemps: An Online Journal of Philosophy**, Issue 4, September 2004, 2-18.
- 22) Melinda Cooper, 'Insecure Times, Tough Decisions: The Nomos of Neo-Liberalism', **Alternatives: Global, Local, Political**, 29(4), December 2004, 515-534.
- 23) Melinda Cooper, 'Rediscovering the Immortal *Hydra*: Stem Cells and the Question of Epigenesis', **Configurations: A Journal of Literature, Science and Technology**, December 2003, 1-26.
- 24) Melinda Cooper, 'The Living and the Dead: Variations on *De Anima*', **Angelaki – Journal of the Theoretical Humanities**, 7(3), December 2002, 81-104.
- 25) Melinda Cooper, 'Vitesses de l'image, puissances de la pensée: la philosophie épicurienne revue par Deleuze et Guattari', **French Studies: A Quarterly Review** (Oxford), LVI(1), January 2002, 45-60.
- 26) Melinda Cooper, 'Transgenic Life: Controlling Mutation', **Theory and Event**, Volume 5(3), August 2001.
- 27) Melinda Cooper, 'Le lieu de l'homme: la topologie de la différence sexuelle chez Jacques Lacan', **Australian Journal of French Studies**, XXXIV(1), 1997.

Book Chapters

- 28) Melinda Cooper 'Heidegger y Ereignis in **Política y Acontecimiento** ed Miguel Vatter and Miguel Ruiz Still, Ediciones Manantial, Argentina, 2012.
- 29) Melinda Cooper 'The Law of the Household – Foucault, Neoliberalism and the Iranian Revolution' in **The Government of Life: Michel Foucault and Neoliberalism**, ed. Vanessa Lemm and Miguel Vatter, Fordham University Press, 2012.
- 30) Melinda Cooper 'Pharmakologie im Zeitalter des verteilten Experiments' in **Dimensionen der Bioökonomie. Objekte, Praxen, Strukturen**, ed. Susanne Lettow, Transcript-Verlag, Bielefeld, 2012.
- 31) Melinda Cooper 'Marx beyond Marx, Marx before Marx: Negri's Lucretian Critique of the Hegelian Marx,' in **Reading Negri**, ed. Pierre Lamarche, David Sherman, Max Rosenkrantz, Open Court Press, 2010, 127-147. ISBN 978-0-8126-9655-4
- 32) Melinda Cooper 'The Silent Scream: Agamben, Deleuze and the Politics of the Unborn' in **Deleuze and Law: Forensic Futures**, ed. Claire Colebrook, Patrick Hanafin and Rosi Braidotti, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 142-62. ISBN-10: 0230210171

33) Melinda Cooper 'Monstrous Progeny: The Teratological Tradition in Science and Literature,' in **Frankenstein's Science, The Knowledge Traditions of Romantic Culture**, 1780-1830, eds. Jane Goodall and Christa Knellwolf, Ashgate Press, 2007, 87-98. **ISBN-10: 0754654478**

Coordination of Journal Special Issues

Contingent Labour, Speculative Labour: New Spaces and Times of Work, special issue of **South Atlantic Quarterly (SAQ)**, edited by Melinda Cooper and T. E. Woronov, forthcoming 2012

Special **Biopolitics** issue of refereed electronic journal **Culture Machine**, edited and prefaced by myself, Andrew Goffey (Middlesex University, UK) and Anna Munster (University of New South Wales), 2005.

Recent and Upcoming Presentations

- 2011 'There is Hope, but Not for Us: Marxism and Messianism' panel at **APSA (American Political Science Association)**, with Miguel Vatter, Wendy Brown, Bruno Bosteels, September 1-4, 2011.
- 2011 'Capital, Genealogy, Reproduction' seminar presentation in **World of Capital: Conditions, Meanings, Situations** series, organized by Stathis Gourgouris, Department of Comparative Literature, Columbia University, April 28-29
- 2011 'Surplus Value, Surplus Life' panel presentation organized by Neferti Tadiar at MLA conference, Los Angeles, 4-9 January
- 2010 'Biopolitics/Bioeconomics', one week presentation of my work at **BioPolitica** Research Centre, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile
- 2010 'Turbulent Worlds: Between Financial and Ecological Crisis', **Finance in Question/Finance in Crisis**, 12-14 April, University of Manchester
- 2009 'Experimental Labour: Multinational, Multisite Clinical Trials in China', Panel II on East-Asian Biopolitics (with Professors Susan Greenhalgh, Mei Zhan, Catherine Waldby), **4S (Society for Social Studies of Science) Annual Conference**, Washington DC, October-November 2009
- 2009 'Introduction to Adele Clarke', introductory paper to Professor Adele Clarke 'From the Rise of Medicine to Biomedicalization: US Healthscapes 1890-Present', Centre for Values, Ethics and the Law in Medicine (VELIM), University Of Sydney, July 27
- 2009 'The Household Frontier' with Angela Mitropoulos, **A Crisis Like No Other? What's Different About this Financial Crisis?** Symposium organized by the Australian Working Group in Financialization (AWFG), University Of Sydney, July 27.
- 2009 'The Green New Deal,' paper presented, Institute for Advanced Studies, Quadrant Programme (Environmental Studies Programme), University Of Minnesota, 12-19 April.
- 2008 'On Viral Sovereignty – The Indonesian Response to Avian Influenza', **The Politics of Life and Innovation Workshop**, University Of New South Wales, Department of Philosophy, December.

2008 'On Globalizing Clinical Trials', 'Climate Change: Precipitation and Event' The Center For Place, Culture And Politics, Cuny Graduate Center, Invited Speaker, March 2008.