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# “Corporeity: Conceptualising Corporeal Citizenship in India”



## SPEAKER

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### Abstract:

*The paper conceptualises corporeity as an emergent form of citizenship predicated on the liquidation of physical substance or existence. Drawing on three contemporary developments in the scientific capacity to harness biogenetic substance and support its gestation – in vitro fertilization, stem cells and surrogacy – the paper shows how selective transference of neo-liberal policies is facilitating the 'birth' of a new class of corporeal subject citizens in India. The paper situates these developments on the intersections of local and global efforts to produce greater legal oversight to achieve ethical appropriation of human biogenetic substance and capacity. The argument charts the political expediency underscoring these moves and examines the frayed contours of governance structures enabling the appropriation and liquidation of citizen corporeality in an emerging global bioeconomy.*

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