Biography

Valerie Hartouni teaches communication studies in the Department of Communication at the University of California, San Diego, USA. She was also the director of the Critical Gender Studies program. Her research is situated at the intersection of feminist, cultural and science studies and focuses specifically on the disruptive cultural impact of “new” reproductive and genetic technologies. Hartouni analyses medical, legal and scientific aspects of controversial themes, such as abortion, foetal personhood, surrogacy, cloning and infertility. Her work also deals with laws of reproduction in relation to the reorganisation of the welfare state.

Areas of Expertise

- Feminist, cultural, and science studies
- Reproductive and genetic technologies
- Political and legal theory
- History

Courses and Lectures as Marie Jahoda Visiting Professor

*Hannah Arendt. Moral Spectatorship, and Truth*
Course, Institute of Media Studies, Ruhr University Bochum, winter term 2005/06 (with Prof. Lisa Cartwright, Ph.D.)

Selected Publications


University of Pennsylvania Press.